

## Walking the Halls

By SHERIDA BARNES  
Rowe Principal

Each morning while walking the halls, I am routinely greeted by the smiling faces of fifth and sixth grade students who are eager and ready for a new day.

Their charismatic smiles and enthusiasm remind me of my purpose and personal mission as an educator, "Create an optimal learning environment for all students."

Such an environment is one that requires constant critiquing and reviewing to ensure that all is being done to promote a learner-centered atmosphere. The rigorous process of assessing data and reviewing students' performance has been conducted throughout the semester by teachers, administrators, and the Department of Instruction.

I am elated at the effort and diligence that have been put forth towards teaching the Texas Essential Elements, Knowledge, and Skills. The majority of the fifth and sixth grade students are scoring moderate to good on weekly assessments.

In fact, the Accelerated and GT students are scoring 80 percent and above on mock tests and benchmarks. I am proud of the hard work exemplified by the faculty and students. The diligence of many has laid the foundation for the upcoming February, March, and April assessments.

While the spring semester is just weeks away, I am pleased that Rowe will be beginning the new semester by implementing the Community Outreach Mentor Program.

Approximately 20 citizens of the community attended the interest meeting that was held on Nov. 9. Ideas, guidelines, and goals were discussed. The mission of the COMP is to help youth overcome the risk factors that can lead to educational failure and low self-esteem.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 25. Ten mentors and mentees will begin meeting on a regular basis during the month of January. I hope to see the program grow and expand to serve ten percent of Rowe's at-risk students.

The Accelerated Reader Program is a computerized reading incentive program. Points are awarded when reading tests are successfully completed by students.

The AR Program is currently used by schools across the county and is a research-based program that has shown remarkable results. I encourage all parents to stop

by our library and review the AR collection of books with your child. Daily reading opens the door to imagination, comprehension, and success.

Our Odyssey of the Mind and University Interscholastic League teams are gearing up for competition. Rowe students will participate in upcoming competitions: 5th Grade UIL - Dec. 4 and 7; 6th Grade UIL - Jan. 23 and 25; OM - during the month of March

Rowe is celebrating the holiday season by composing Christmas greeting messages and cards during Discovery Time. The greeting cards will be shared with elderly citizens during the weeks of Dec. 11 and 18.

The Rowe Choir will conduct a caroling tour on Dec. 8th. The choir will perform at local banks, hospitals, nursing homes, and the Jasper School District boardroom. The choir will also conduct a night performance for parents on Dec. 5 in the cafeteria.

The performance will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The faculty and administrative team wish all citizens of Jasper a Merry Christmas.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the parents and community for the numerous gestures of support that have been rendered to Rowe during the 2006 Fall Semester.

Your presence, collaboration, and shared ideas continuously help to promote and provide an equitable, safe, and stimulating environment for all students. Thanks for all you do to support education and the boys and girls at Rowe.

"When parents and community are included in the process and valued as an educational asset, they become the magical piece to the puzzle. Things begin to fall in place!"

## Lions fish fry Dec.8 raises \$\$\$ for kids

Jasper Lions Club will hold a fish fry Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Baskins at 327 South Wheeler.

The \$8 per plate dinner with fried catfish and "fixins" is to help kids who cannot help themselves. For more information, call Eddie Haskins, 384-2555.

## School Lunch

### Jasper

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Grande nachos, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, peaches, choice of milk, "Cool Kit Pre-K-6"

Friday, Dec. 8 - Cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, french fries, pears, choice of milk.

Monday, Dec. 11 - Corndogs, french fries, peas and carrots, apple wedges, choice of milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Grilled cheese, raw vegetables, peaches, choice of milk, Cool Kit Pre-K-6.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Chili cheese dog, baked chips, carrot sticks with ranch dressing, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

### Brookeland

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, salad, cornbread, milk

Friday, Dec. 8 - Hamburger or fishburger, oven fries, sandwich salad cup, ice cream, milk

Monday, Dec. 11 - Vegetable soup, cheese stick, fruit, crackers, cookie, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, peach cobbler, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Pizza, corn, salad, sherbert, milk

## Senior Center

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Pork chops, black-eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, fruit

Friday, Dec. 8 - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby carrots, bread, cobbler

Monday, Dec. 11 - Sausage, cabbage, purple-hull peas, cornbread, cobbler

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Beef stew, English peas, corn nuggets, cornbread, cake

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, fruit

## Students of the Week

### Jasper High School

Ricky Patel, a senior at Jasper High School, has been named student of the week for Dec. 4-8.

"Senior class valedictorian Ricky deserves this recognition because he has come so far since his freshman year when he walked the campus with his head down, not speaking to anyone," said teacher Karen Cegielski.

"He always has been the top student in his class, but now he is becoming vocal in his classes and in the clubs he is a member of. Ricky will always come through for you, and he always goes beyond what you ask from him - this is why Ricky should be Student of Week."

Patel is the son of Asha and Ishvar Patel.



Patel

### Jasper Jr High

Brittany Detwiler, a seventh grade student at Jasper Junior High School, has been selected as student of the week for Dec. 4-8.

"Brittany is such a pleasure to have in class. She always has a positive attitude and wants to help everyone in class," said teacher Debbie Simmons. "She works hard on every assignment and enjoys making art. Brittany makes my job a little easier and the world a better place."

Detwiler enjoys reading, playing sports and attending church during her spare time. Her favorite subject is math.

She is the daughter of Mildred Dunn.



Detwiler

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The City of Jasper is accepting bids for the trimming of existing power line right of way, approximately 15 miles of distribution line.

Bid forms may be picked up at City Hall at the purchasing department.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2006. Late bids will not be considered for award.

Bid documents may be examined at the city of Jasper purchasing department, located at 465 South Main St. Jasper, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Questions concerning the bid may be addressed to Tommy Boykin at 409-384-4651. 11/29-12/6 W 2X

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The City of Jasper is accepting bids for labor and equipment only to reconductor three phase distribution line on South Wheeler.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Norma Jean Dixon, Deceased, were

issued on October 19, 2006, in Cause No. 8000, pending in the County Court of Jasper County, Texas, to: Donna Jean Horn.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Michael J. Lindsay Attorney at Law 710 North 11th Street Beaumont, Texas 77702 Dated the 19th day of October, 2006. Michael J. Lindsay Attorney for Estate State Bar NO.: 12368800 710 North 11th Street Beaumont, Texas 77702 Telephone(409)833-1196 Facsimile(409)832-7040 12/6 W 1X

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