

# Armstrong County Museum Receives Historic Donation



*left: Armstrong County Museum Director, Amy Lovell, accepted a recent donation of Colonel Charles Goodnight and Mary Ann Goodnight's funeral records from Chuck and Amanda Robertson Funeral Directors. photo by Christiana Mustion*

BY CHRISTIANA MUSTION  
**D**iscoveries of authentic, historical documents of importance are rare. So when Chuck Robertson and other members of Robertson Funeral Directors were doing historical research and unearthed the original funeral records of Colonel Charles Goodnight and his wife, Mary Ann, they knew they had found a significant

piece of history. When Robertson called Armstrong County Museum Director, Amy Lovell, and told her that his family would like to donate these precious documents, she was ecstatic!

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Amy Lovell, Chuck Robertson, and Robertson's wife, Amanda, met at the Charles Goodnight Historical Center to discuss the

background of the documents and to make the donation official. "We are always very grateful for any donation—especially authentic historical documents and artifacts," explained Lovell. "They help us to tell the story of our history, and why Charles Goodnight is significant in history."

As the group examined the burial records together, Chuck Robert-

son, Funeral Director & CEO of Robertson Funeral Directors, explained more about the history of the funeral home and how the records were discovered. "We came across the records in 2007 when we were providing documentation for a historical marker to be placed at our Clarendon funeral home," explained Robertson. "My Granddad always said we had the Goodnight records

but to actually find them and lay hands on them was amazing."

Robertson Funeral Directors has a proud history in the Texas panhandle which dates back to 1899. The funeral home was originally owned and operated by P.A. Buntin, whose signature can clearly be seen on the Goodnights' funeral records. Buntin began keeping funeral records in bound

record books around 1909. Before that time, records were either kept on loose sheets of paper or were non-existent. If it were not for this progression in record keeping, these funeral records would most likely have been lost. Instead, they were tucked away and kept safe for almost



# OBITUARIES

## Jessie Orr, 91

## David Skarke, 51

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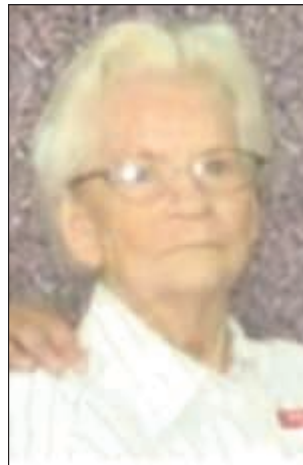


1926—2017

Jessie Sanders Orr, 91, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel with Rev. Rusty Gray officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

Jessie was born on January 29, 1926 in Whitesboro, TX to W.B. and Amber Brown Sanders. She attended schools in Whitesboro and in Wellington Texas. She moved from Wellington to Tulia in 1952 and worked at Swisher Memorial Hospital from 1953 to 1960. She married Omar “Shorty” Orr on December 5, 1960 in Silverton. She owned and operated Orr’s Motel Complex and moved to Claude in 1973. She later attended Clarendon College and graduated in 1974 as a license vocational nurse. She worked for the Palo Duro Nursing Home for many years and retired in 1991. She



1966—2017

David “Troy” Skarke, 51, of Claude died Friday, Feb. 17, 2017.

Rosary was said at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, in St. Francis Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 22nd, in St. Mary’s Catholic Church with Father Scott Raef as celebrant. Burial followed at 2 p.m. in Claude Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Troy was born Feb. 3, 1966, in Canyon. Troy graduated from Canyon High School in 1984. On May 31, 1986, Troy married the love of his life, Joyce Ann Borman, of Vega. The two moved to Claude, where they farmed and ranched. He had a deep passion for his crops, and with each new season, he strived to make a better crop. His occupation of farming became his love and hobby. He served on many agricultural boards, including U.S. Grains Council, Texas Sorghum Producers, Robinson Grain board of directors and Milo Insulation. He was also active in his local community, where he served as president of the Claude Independent School District board of trustees for many years, as well as serving on the Claude Clinic medical board. Troy loved the Lord and was an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church. But most of all, Troy was a devoted husband, father, son, poppy and friend to so many.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Skarke; and a daughter, Sidney Skarke.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two daughters, Kendra and T.Jay Sherrill of Claude and Tori and Carson Williams of Goldthwaite; a son, Seth Skarke of Canyon; three grandchildren, Harrison, Barrett and Finnley; his mother, Shirley and Don Richardson of Amarillo; three sisters, Jackie and Charles Curl of Amarillo, Roxanne and Roger Schenk of Umbarger and Nicole and Danny Hicks of Umbarger; two brothers, Shane Skarke of Bridgeport and Chris and Lana Skarke of Umbarger; his parents-in-law, Tony and Dorothy Borman of Vega; his in-laws, Steve and Regina Borman of Dalhart, Diane and Bernie Wieck of Amarillo, Deborah and Eric Walterscheid of Amarillo, Jeff and Christy Borman of Big Springs, David and Vicki Borman of Vega, Roger and Mandi Borman of Vega, Sandra and David Britten of Amarillo and Keith and Toni Borman of Vega; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Francis Catholic Church, 5005 Klinke Road, Amarillo, TX 79108.

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## Billye Thomas, 96

Billye Maxine Thomas, 96, of Claude died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in Claude United Methodist Church with Pastor Sean Smith officiating. Burial will be in Claude Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mrs. Thomas was born Oct. 1, 1920, in Tulia to William and Mary Rutherford. She graduated from Tulia High School. On Oct. 21, 1940, she married Al Thomas in Happy. They worked alongside each other at their business, Thomas Auto Supply, for several years.

Mrs. Thomas was a lifetime member of the Methodist church and active in the choir. She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Al Thomas; her siblings; and a grandson, Macy Mark Thomas.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Albert D. Thomas and wife Gail of Spanish Fort, Ala., Delbert Thomas and wife Freda of Haslett and Mark Thomas and wife Carol of Claude; six grandchildren; 15 great-



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grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be to Claude United Methodist Church, Box 136, Claude, TX 79019.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday in Schooler Funeral Home Armstrong Chapel, 123 Trice, in Claude.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in Schooler Funeral Home Armstrong Chapel in Claude.

Sign the online guest book at [www.schoolerfuneralhome.com](http://www.schoolerfuneralhome.com).

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## Shirley Hearn Thomas, 69

Shirley Hearn Thomas, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 in Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be 2:00 pm. Saturday, February 25, at the Lake Tanglewood Community Church with Rev. Bryan Valance, pastor of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements are made by Brooks Funeral Directors.

Shirley was born February 4, 1948, in Clarendon. She graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon Jr. College for one year. She married Mickey Thomas, of Claude, on August 19, 1967, in Clarendon.

She worked in the Klein and Montgomery school system in Special Education for sixteen years. She served in several churches across the country as Mickey's job required them to move pretty often. She also spent two and a half years working for Back Home in San Antonio as an Assistant Manager.

Shirley and Mickey lived in nineteen homes in the almost fifty years that they had been married. Shirley enjoyed decorating each one of them.



1948—2017

She also enjoyed fishing, when she caught the biggest fish.

Her greatest joy was in being a mother and a grandmother.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Velma Hearn; three brothers, Claude Hearn, Gene Hearn, and Duane Hearn; and a sister, Viola Hitt.

Survivors include her husband, Mickey Thomas; two daughters, Holly and Heather both of Dallas; son, Scott and daughter-in-law Cynthia of Midland; three granddaughters, Gentry and Hailey Denney of Dallas and Hannah of Austin; one grandson, Brecken, of Dallas; brother, Billy F. Hearn of Montgomery; and sister-in-law, Pat Hearn of Spokane, WA.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation, 5211 SW 9th, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.brooksfuneral.com](http://www.brooksfuneral.com)

## Sheriff's Corner: A Note from Sheriff Barnett

I am wanting to update the citizens of Armstrong County to the progress we have made during the first couple of months of this year. When we went into office it was noted that the office was behind three to four months on all state reports up to 2017. This office is now current with all reports being done.

We are in the process of hiring people who are willing to work the hours needed and will fit in with the people of Armstrong County.

At the last Commissioners Court Meeting, we are authorized to implement a new commissary plan. We are also going to be able to upgrade our computer and camera systems in our vehicles.

We have started an inventory for supplies and equipment to better

manage the budget.

We now have two inmates and are expecting a third for the weekends.

We have now secured our internet, computers, phone and camera systems.

We have also submitted and had approved new fire evacuation plans that now match our new building configurations. We have also submitted new visitation times and new jail rules and regulations. We are just waiting on Jail Standards to approve these also.

Our office is excited about the progress we are making. We want to be proactive and not reactive. We want to stay ahead of problems and catch them before they happen. We want to be two steps ahead and never behind again.

*Fleta Barnett*

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the City of Claude budget for the 2017/2018 year will be held February 27, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. and during the regular meeting on March 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 115 Trice Street, Claude, Texas. Everyone welcome. City of Claude, City Council.

CITY OF CLAUDE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CISD EARLY RELEASE DAY**—Fri. Feb. 24th, End of 4th six weeks and Early Student Release

**LADY 'STANGS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**—Fri. Feb. 24th, 2:30 p.m., vs. Sundown, @Levelland, AWAY

**LADY 'STANGS REGIONAL FINALS (IF APPLICABLE)**—Sat. Feb. 25th, @Levelland, AWAY, Follow us on Facebook for Up-to-Date game info!

**MUSTANG BASEBALL @ ROUGHRIDER TOURNEY**—Sat. Feb. 25th, 9:30 a.m., vs. Boys Ranch, @Boys Ranch, AWAY

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**—Sat. Feb. 25th, 12:00 p.m., vs. Dalhart, AWAY

**LOST ART OF BASIC SEWING**—Mon. Feb. 27th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Armstrong Co. Activity Building

**MUSTANG BASEBALL**—Tues. Feb. 28th, 4:30 p.m., vs. Sanford Fritch, AWAY

**MUSTANG BASEBALL @ WEST TEXAS TOURNEY**—Thur. & Sat. Mar. 2nd-4th, TBA, @ Stinett, AWAY. Follow us on Facebook for Up-to-Date info

**LADY 'STANGS STATE TOURNAMENT (IF APPLICABLE)** - Thur.-Sat. Mar. 2nd-4th, TBA, @ San Antonio, AWAY

**VARSITY SOFTBALL @ PAMPA TOURNEY**—Fri & Sat. Mar. 3rd & 4th, TBA, AWAY. Follow us on Facebook for Up-to-Date game info and more!

**COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**—Sat. Mar. 4th, 7:00 a.m., hosted by the United Methodist Church, All Men are welcome

**STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS**—Mon. Mar. 6th, 7:00 p.m., UMC Family Life Center, This will be a five week study of the Minor Prophets

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**—Tues. Mar. 7th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Booker, HOME

**MUSTANG BASEBALL**—Tues. Mar. 7th, 4:30 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME

**TENNIS TOURNEY**—Thur. Mar. 9th, 8:00 a.m., Amarillo Small School Tournament, AWAY

**TRACK INVITATIONAL**—Fri. & Sat. Mar. 10 & 11th, TBA, @Panhandle, AWAY

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**—Mon. Mar. 13th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

**CITY COUNCIL**— Mon. Mar. 13th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

**STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS (WK2)**—Mon. Mar. 13th, 7:00 p.m., UMC Family Life Center

**CISD SPRING BREAK**— Mon. Mar. 13th—Fri. Mar. 17th, ALL DAY, NO SCHOOL

**CLAUDE ISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**—Wed. Mar. 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Claude High School

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

The Gem Theatre @ the Armstrong Co. Museum  
Sat. April 29th & Sun. April 30th  
Tickets will be available for purchase from the Armstrong County Museum

## Historical Records

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eighty years before they were re-discovered.

“According to the records, Colonel Goodnight died in Arizona and was shipped to back to Texas on the train where his body was received by Buntin. He was then buried in the Goodnight Cemetery in December of 1929,” Robertson shared. Mary Ann’s records indicate that she was also buried in the Goodnight Cemetery which is located in close proximity to their homestead which has been preserved as a part of the Charles Goodnight Historical Center. “The Armstrong County Museum has been proud to be able to restore and preserve the Goodnight’s home in its original location here in Goodnight, Texas,” said Lovell. “It is an important part of Texas history. It allows people to come and experience what Goodnight’s lives was like and where they lived it. More importantly, we hope their lives inspire visitors to influence the present as profoundly as the Goodnight’s influenced the past.”

Many historical societies and museums have been eager to display the Goodnight’s funeral records in their collections. In the end, the fact that the Charles Goodnight Historical Center is the heart of Goodnight’s life and history led Robertson Funeral Directors to donate the funeral records to the Armstrong County Museum and Charles Goodnight Historical Center. “Goodnight, Texas, is where his legacy started. It’s where he lived and where he was buried. It’s where his house has always been located and where his life was rooted. The records deserve to be here with the rest of his life. They only add another dimension to his story,” shared Chuck Robertson. Thanks to Robertson and his family, the funeral records will soon be on display for everyone to see and enjoy.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### February 25<sup>th</sup>

Harold Lehnick  
Tessa Morrow  
Adalyn Eddleman

### February 26<sup>th</sup>

Angela Ashworth  
McKenna Shipp  
Arlys Welch  
M/M Gary Harclerode  
M/M Rhet Hubbard

### February 27<sup>th</sup>

Taylor Beadles  
Travis Luttrell  
Brooks Myers

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

Blair Hubbard  
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### March 1<sup>st</sup>

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# Encouraging Claude

## Time for some Exercise



BY ANGELA EDWARDS  
LIFE COACH

I hope you now have a fairly firm grasp on how God has called us to take care of our physical bodies nutritionally through His creation. Let's move on to the next important aspect, exercise. Wait! Don't move onto the next article! Hear me out first!

Most health experts will agree that a healthy physical lifestyle is generally 80% nutrition and 20% exercise. Exercise is an extremely important aspect in reducing the risk of developing certain diseases and has been shown to reduce overall levels of tension, elevate and stabilize mood, improve sleep, and improve self-esteem. It is a natural and cost-effective way to reduce stress and improve your daily life.

So how does exercise fit within a biblical view? Did Jesus exercise? Well, no. He didn't purposely go out and run or lift weights but He lived an active lifestyle. During biblical times, the lifestyle was very mobile. Everyone walked to where they needed to go, they grew, raised and hunted for their food and most made their living as carpenters, farmers or

laborers.

Today, our culture has developed many amazing advances in technology and engineering. We have cars, computers, telephones and machines that make our daily life easier. However, these advances have also lead to a very sedentary lifestyle. We are not as active as people were in Jesus' time. Our modern advances have created a lifestyle where we sit for almost everything. So what does that mean for exercise in today's culture? We must pursue an active lifestyle!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 MSG says, "may God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ." It is important that we keep our physical bodies healthy and active along with our spiritual bodies, so that we may carry out the call God has on our lives! Are you physically able to go and do when God says "now"?

Believe it or not but God does not like laziness! There are over 100 verses in His Word about it! Proverbs 19:15 says, "Life collapses on loafers; lazybones go hungry." According to John Hopkins Medicine, thousands and thousands of deaths result each year due to a lack of regular physical activity[1]. Am I saying you have to become a marathon runner, crossfit champion or

bodybuilder? Not necessarily, unless you do those things in the name of the Lord and for His glory. I am saying that you need to chose to be more active in your daily life which will honor God with your body.

If you currently do not live an active life, start small by walking 30 minutes a day for 5 days a week. If you do live a somewhat active life, progress to strength training at a gym or try out a group fitness class. If you have established an active lifestyle, in what areas could you improve in? All of these activities can glorify God! Listen to Christian music, find a verse that you can memorize or pray while working out. You can do it!

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV.

If you would like any suggestions or have any questions please feel free to email me at [biblicalbodies@gmail.com](mailto:biblicalbodies@gmail.com). You may also check out my blog at [biblicalbodies.wordpress.com](http://biblicalbodies.wordpress.com).

[1] [http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/healthlibrary/conditions/cardiovascular\\_diseases/risks\\_of\\_physical\\_inactivity\\_85,P00218/](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/healthlibrary/conditions/cardiovascular_diseases/risks_of_physical_inactivity_85,P00218/)

# Senior Spotlight



Senior Kayla Fox is this week's Senior Spotlight. Kayla has lived in Claude for fourteen years and has been an active part of the CHS life. Kayla's favorite class was English with Mrs. Maxfield was her favorite teacher. She likes the color Maroon and her other favorites include mashed potatoes with gravy, the Denver Broncos and the band Twenty One Pilots.

After graduation, Kayla plans on attending Texas State University and major in Interior Design. During her high school years Kayla played softball and was also part of Student Council, National Honor Society, the Youth Advisory Board, 4H and UIL. Kayla's favorite memory while attending school was "One Act play contest and the student council convention." In her free time Kayla likes "to watch Netflix, play with her dogs and cook."

When asked about her role models Kayla didn't have to look far. "My role models are my parents. They are kind, loving people and achieved their own life goals after starting a family." Kayla has enjoyed living in Claude because it is nice "knowing that there is always someone watching out for you and always feeling safe." Kayla is an exceptional young lady and wonderful example of the type of student that Claude produces.

## Kayla Fox



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## Chase, Hudson plan July Wedding in Happy

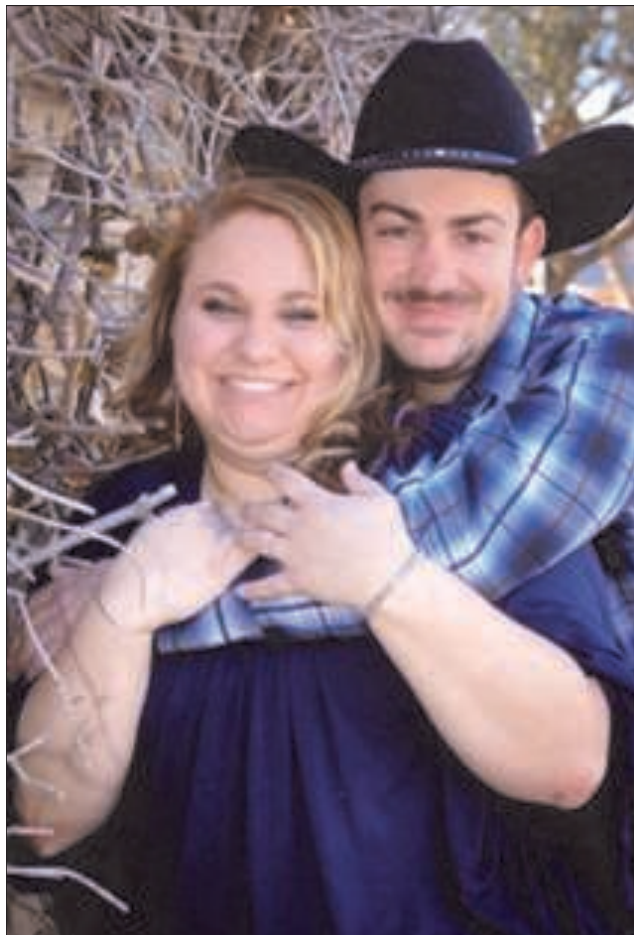
Brent and Melissa Yauck of Claude announce the engagement of their niece Lauren Elizabeth Chase to Tannon Charles Hudson of O'Donnell.

Lauren is the daughter of the late Beth Chase and the granddaughter of Clara Chase, Darrouzett. Tannon is the son of Keavin and Patty Hudson of O'Donnell.

The couple plans to wed July 22, 2017 in Happy, Texas at the Frosted Rose Ranch with Richard Gravely of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Lauren graduated from Claude ISD in 2012 and Wayland Baptist University 2016 with a Bachelors of Arts in Mass Communications and minor in Music.

Tannon graduated from O'Donnell ISD 2010 and South Plains Junior College 2015 with Associates in Automotive Technology. Tannon is employed at Keith's Service Center.



Lauren Chase and Tannon Hudson are planning a July wedding in Happy, Texas. photo courtesy of Melissa Yauck

They will be making their home in Claude, Texas.



## Lady 'Stangs Softball Stomps the Tulia Hornets



Cierra Maddox drives the ball hard into the gap, scoring the run and getting herself safely into first during the Lady 'Stangs' game against Tulia. photo by Christiana Mustion

BY CHRISTIANA MUSTION

The Lady 'Stangs softball team opened their season against the Tulia Hornets on Saturday, February 18th. The weather was perfect for softball and the ladies made the most of the opportunity. From the very first inning, the Lady 'Stangs started racking up the runs.

"I love what we saw from the girls during Saturday's performance," said Head Softball Coach Hayden Hook. "The energy, the excitement, and the attitude were just awesome. Our offense did great considering that this was the first live in-game pitching we've seen. We had a great first inning plating five and another big inning down the road." The work that the team and coaches have put into team building, strategy, and softball fundamentals has clearly shown in the way the ladies played. Senior Coral Parks is pleased with her new coaches. "Softball this year has been amazing. Our coaches have put

the fun back in it and I actually want to be there. Everything we do has discipline but we still have fun. I am glad that I have privilege to have such a great senior year," shared Parks. Both Coach Hook and Coach Rawlins are excited about the team's potential. "We have a young team and some inexperience but we've been putting in the work and Coach Rawlins and I are excited to see where the girls will end up this season," said Hook.

The new coaching attitude is also clear in their gameplay. Their bats were hot—driving in a total of fourteen runs—and the fielding was solid. Even when the team made an error, they did not let it frazzle them. When they made an error overthrowing first, they adjusted their strategy, quickly fielded the errant ball, and made the play at second for the out. Their game play was a clear improvement over one year ago. "Defensively, we had a handful of er-

rors, but we'll iron those out as we become more experienced," explained Hook.

The final blow to the Hornets was dealt by the Lady 'Stangs' pitcher, Katie Hatfield. Hatfield consistently delivered at the plate. "Katie Hatfield did an outstanding job in the circle for us, and we're excited to see how she'll improve this season," said Hook.

The Lady 'Stangs defeated the Tulia Hornets with a final score of 14-9. The coaches, team, and community are excited not only for this win, but for the future of the season. "It was good to see the girls play for the name on the front of the jersey, not the back. That's what the girls did on Saturday. They played as a team not as individuals. I was very proud of them," said Cheryl Hand. The Lady 'Stangs will bring this excitement to their next match-up tomorrow against Dalhart.



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Mrs. Grange, 2nd Grade

# MUSTANG SPORTS

## Lady 'Stangs are Regionals Bound!



The Lady 'Stangs head to Regionals today after defeating Boys Ranch, Sudan, and Stratford in the play-offs. (l to r) Coach Leslie Burton, Renee Fouquet, Shiloh Heck, Allison Giles, Cate Bowles, Breenkly Elliott, Coach Jason Cooper, Jenna Cooper, Hannah Bennett, Coach Jeremy Black, Rebecca Ellison, Caitlyn Haskell, Jaden Hughes, Taylor Fouquet, Katie Eichelmann, and Hailey Bennett. photo by Christiana Mustion

BY ELISE CAGLE

Our Lady Mustangs commenced their playoff journey with three wins. They defeated their first two opponents this past week.

The team earned their first gold playoff ball by dealing a resounding defeat to the Boys Ranch Lady Roughriders. In this game, junior Jenna Cooper scored nineteen points and grabbed seven rebounds. Both junior Jaden Hughes and senior Hannah Bennett earned twelve points, and senior Cate Bowles racked up nine points for the team. Along with this, eight of the nine Lady Mustangs had at least one steal. As a result of these outstanding accomplishments, the team earned a victory with a final score of 72-40. "I sure have enjoyed watching the Lady Stangs play basketball! It's nice to see how their hard

work and dedication has paid off! Go Lady Stangs!!!" exclaimed Mustang fan and parent, Michelle Bowles.

In the Areas round of the playoffs, the Lady 'Stangs faced off against Sudan at Canyon High School. In this competition, junior Allison Giles scored seventeen points and grabbed nine rebounds. Junior Jenna Cooper scored sixteen points and earned five rebounds, and both junior Jaden Hughes and sophomore Shiloh Heck accounted for six points each. This gave the Lady Mustangs a win over Sudan with a final score of 62-30. "It was nice to open up with two very solid wins for the playoffs. We know the road is going to get tougher for here on out. The girls are looking forward to embracing the competition and playing

their hearts out," said Claude ISD Athletic Director Jarett Vickers.

After defeating Sudan, the Lady 'Stangs faced the Stratford Elks at River Road High School on Tuesday, February 21st. The ladies defeated Stratford 51-48 to advance to the Regional Tournament in Levelland starting today (Fri., Feb. 24th). Full details on the Stratford game will be available in next week's paper.

In the Regional Tournament, the Lady 'Stangs will start by facing #15 ranked Sundown. Tip-off will be at 2:30 p.m. Be sure to come support the team as they get closer to State and deeper into the playoffs. If you are a Claude ISD student, there will be a "spirit bus" bringing students to the game too!

## Athletes OF THE Week



### Coral Parks

Coral Parks in the softball athlete of the week. "Coral is a leader for the team both on and off the field," shared Coach Hayden Hook. The senior stepped up in our first game and went four for five at the plate. She lead off scoring the first run out of five for the first inning. Hook went on to say, "Coral's work ethic and attitude are outstanding and we're excited to see how she'll do this season."



### Jenna Cooper

Jenna Cooper is the girls' basketball athlete of the week. Jenna helped the Lady 'Stangs grab their first two playoff wins this season scoring nineteen points and eight rebounds against the Boys Ranch Lady Roughriders and sixteen points and ten rebounds against the Sudan Nettes.

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**MON., FEB. 27th**  
Breakfast: Pancakes, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Stuffed Baked Potato, Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli Bites, Diced Peaches, & Milk

**TUES., FEB. 28th**  
Breakfast: Cheesy Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Soup, Cucumber, Tomato Cup, Lime Sherbet, Oranges, & Milk

**WED., MAR. 1st**  
Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Xtreme Burrito, Salsa, Corn, Veggie Cup, Bananas, & Milk

**THURS., MAR. 2nd**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Salisbury Steak Roll, Brown Gravy, Salad, Roast Potatoes, Fruit Gelatin, & Milk

**FRI., MAR. 3rd**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Hot Dog, Corn Chips, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Apple, & Milk

# February Commissioner's Court

A regular meeting of the Commissioner's Court was held on February 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse, Claude, Texas. Judge Hugh Reed and all Commissioners were in attendance.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call Meeting to Order</li> <li>2. Minutes Approved</li> <li>3. FGE<br/>PASSED TO MARCH</li> <li>4. Sheriff's Department             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Consider a Proposal for Computers and Cameras for Patrol Vehicles from COPSYN</li> <li>• Bid reduced to \$23,351.</li> <li>• Bid includes install as well as equipment</li> <li>• Costs to distributed from equipment, radio, vehicle, and deputies salary lines</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 affirmative votes</li> <li>4.2 Discuss and Consider Maintenance and Replacement of Patrol Vehicles             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three patrol vehicles have 70K, 100K, &amp; 200K miles respectively and significant repair expenses</li> <li>• Sheriff's Office would like to replace all three vehicles</li> <li>• PASSED TO MARCH pending more information about leasing/purchasing/trade-</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in estimates and an estimate on re-wiring the vehicle with 70K miles</li> <li>4.3 Consider Charging Prisoners \$6 for One Cup and Toiletries, and \$3 for ea. Additional set; and Commissary Items Bought in Bulk with a 15% Surcharge             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This should reduce costs to the county &amp; reduce hoarding and hygiene problems</li> <li>• 4 affirmative votes</li> </ul> </li> <li>4.4 The 2016 Racial Profile Report Filed</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.5 Jail Commissary Report</li> <li>6.6 Justice of the Peace Fee Report</li> <li>6.7 County Agent Report</li> <li>6.7A Activity Center Fee Report</li> <li>6.8 Family and Consumer Science Extension Report</li> <li>6.9 Emergency Management Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been several incidents Armstrong County has responded to since the beginning of the year.</li> <li>• Currently upgrading the Command Center</li> <li>• Training on gas pipeline safety</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$10,142 (if keeping the same plan; see 10.3)</li> <li>• Courthouse maintenance for the roof and stairs was covered by the \$67K reimbursement received from insurance which went in the general fund and just needs to be approved</li> </ul> |
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5. Consider Approving Accounts Allowed (LGC 114.061)
6. Consider Approving Official Fee Reports (LGC 154.044)
  - 6.1 Clerk's Fee Report
  - 6.2 Treasurer's Fund Report and Monthly Report
  - 6.3 Tax Assessor/Collector's Fee Report
  - 6.4 Sheriff's Fee Report
7. Examine All Claims Against the County for Approval
  - 7.1 Road and Bridge Bills
  - 7.2 General Fund Bills
  - 7.3 Over Budget Items
    - Increase in Road & Bridge dues was higher than anticipated
    - Insurance went up

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10. County Treasurer
  - 10.1 Discuss and Clarify timesheet Protocol
    - Timesheets must See COMMISSIONER'S COURT, PG 9



# Commissioner's Court

CONTINUED FROM PG 8

- be signed by a Supervisor and turned in to the Treasurer's Office Every Other Monday
- In lieu of a direct supervisor, timesheets may be signed by Judge Reed. Sheriff's Office timesheets may be signed by the Jail Administrator who does hours and scheduling in lieu of Sheriff.
- 10.2 Consider Adding Deputy Treasurer Rachel Quintero to Internet Banking for Payroll - APPROVED
- 10.3 Discuss and Consider Insurance Options
  - Three Insurance Presentations were made by TAC, NCW, & DFB
  - DECISION PASSED TO MARCH
- 10.4 Ratify Authorization to Open a
- New Checking Account for Armstrong County e-File—PASSED
- 10.5 Review and Consider the Ideacom Networking Bid—PASSED TO MARCH as wrong internet was tested
- 10.6 Bank Resolution to put Sheriff Barnett on the individual Sheriff's Office accounts—APPROVED
- 11. Discuss the January 18, 2017 Appraisal District Letter
- 12. Road and Bridge Department
  - 12.1 Consider a Resolution for a Waiver of Local Match Requirement on a Federal Off-System Bridge Project
    - Projects to be compiled and filed after March's Commissioners Court
  - 12.2 Declare Certain
- Items and Equipment as Surplus and Authorize Them to be Sold at Auction
- 13. Announcements
- 14. Adjourn



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## Mardi Gras!

### What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." The "fat" in the name comes from the ancient custom of parading a fat ox through Paris on this day. The ox was to remind the people that they were not allowed to eat meat during the time of **fasting** known as Lent. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Since "Mardi" means "Tuesday," you can tell the holiday is always celebrated on that day of the week. The date can fall between February 3 and March 9 depending on the lunar calendar, used by the Catholic Church to determine the date of Easter. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

French people who came to the United States brought the custom of Mardi Gras with them.

Help the jester find his way to the Mardi Gras doubloons.

### Mardi Gras Customs

Mardi Gras parades happen throughout the world. Some of the most famous celebration centers are: New Orleans and Lafayette in Louisiana, Biloxi in Mississippi, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Nice in France and Viareggio in Italy.

Do the math to discover where these Mardi Gras customs take place.

17 People dance in the streets.

25 People celebrate with parades and masked balls. Trinkets, especially beads and doubloons, are tossed to the crowds from parade floats.

28 Paraders wear giant masks that make them look like walking heads with tiny bodies.

29 During Mardi Gras, people dress in costumes and put on an ancient play.

31 - 6 = New Orleans

7 + 8 + 5 + 9 = Southern Italy

4 + 3 + 5 + 5 = Rio de Janeiro

37 - 9 = Nice, France

### The Colors of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras in the United States has three official colors. To find out what each of these three colors means, cross out the letters M-A-R-D-I G-R-A-S in each of the lines below. Write the remaining letters in order to learn what each color symbolizes.

**Purple:** M J A R U D S I G T R A I S C E

**Green:** M A F R D A I G I R A T S H

**Gold:** M P A R O D I W G R A E S R

Find the identical Mardi Gras masks.

**Photo Fun**  
 Clip a photograph from the newspaper and glue it to a piece of paper. Next to the photo write five adjectives that describe the photo. Next to each word, write its antonym. Use the adjectives and the antonyms to write a paragraph about Mardi Gras.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

In England, the Tuesday before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. Because it is a tradition there to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, it is also called Pancake Day.

Read the clues below and see if you can complete the words that all contain the letters P-A-N.

**PAN** A large black and white mammal that lives in China.

**PAN** A sudden, sharp pain.

**PAN** To breath in quick, short breaths.

**PAN** A sudden terror that often causes wild behavior.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

### Double Double Word Search

MARDI GRAS TUESDAY TRINKETS COSTUMES DOUBLOONS SHROVE ANTONYM PARADE FRANCE ITALY MASK BILOXI PLAY

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

D	I	T	A	L	Y	K	S	A	M
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing; Recognized identical words; Skim and scan reading; Recall spelling patterns.

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## Mardi Gras Party

Imagine you have \$500 to throw a Mardi Gras party. Look through the newspaper and "shop" for food, decorations, games and other supplies. Can you spend exactly \$500?

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using money; add and subtract using money amounts.

### Write On!

## Safety Poem

Write a poem that includes three safety rules.

### Kid Scoop Together: Make a Mask

Stuff you'll need:

- paper plate
- construction paper
- glitter
- markers
- feathers, beads, buttons or other decorations
- wooden dowel or plastic drinking straw
- scissors
- glue

1. Cut a paper plate in half and make holes for your eyes.

2. Decorate it with glitter, markers, feathers, etc.

3. Make a handle by taping a wooden dowel or straw to the back of your mask.

### What a Character!

## Joy is ...

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Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Tue. Nov. 8th	W 86-31	Tulia	HOME
Sat. Nov. 12th	W 84-38	Pampa	AWAY
Tue. Nov. 15th	W 85-18	Follett	AWAY
Fri. Nov. 18th	W 79-45	Boys Ranch	HOME
Tue. Nov. 22nd	W 67-44	Silverton	AWAY
Tue. Nov. 29th	W 61-33	Spearman	AWAY
Th.-Sat. Dec. 1st-3rd	W 4-0 L	North Plains Tourney	HOME
Tue. Dec. 6th	W 90-35	Shamrock	AWAY
Th.-Sat. Dec. 8th-10th	W 4-0 L	West Texas Tourney	AWAY
Tue. Dec. 13th	W 64-21	Tulia	AWAY
Fri. Dec. 16th	W 74-26	Highland Park	HOME
Th.-Sat. Dec. 28th-30th	W 4-0 L	Gruver Tourney	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 6th	W 28-23	Wellington*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 10th	W 64-24	Memphis*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 13th	W 56-55	Panhandle*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 17th	W 52-28	Wheeler*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 20th	W 74-37	Clarendon*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 24th	W 45-32	Wellington*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 27th	W 70-28	Memphis*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 31st	L 41-44	Panhandle*	AWAY
Fri. Feb. 3rd	W 54-35	Wheeler*	HOME
Tue. Feb. 7th	W 56-30	Clarendon*	AWAY
Mon. Feb. 13th	W 72-40	Bi-Districts vs. Boys Ranch	AWAY
Fri. Feb. 17th	W 60-32	Area vs. Sudan	AWAY
Tue. Feb. 21st	W 51-48	Reg. Qtr. Finals vs. Stratford	AWAY
Fri. Feb. 24th	2:30 p.m.	Regionals vs. Sundown	AWAY

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