

Claude EMS Suspended

BY CHRISTIANA MUSTION

Many residents of Armstrong County may not be aware that as of Saturday, June 3, 2017, Claude's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have been suspended until further notice. According to Claude's Mayor, Bill Wood, the decision to suspend services was a difficult one. "We didn't close [ambulance services] because we wanted to," shared Wood. "We closed it, for what we hope, is the benefit of the people. We want it back open as soon as we can."

There are many versions of the events which ultimately led to the Mayor's call to temporarily close EMS. However, the intent was clear; to give the residents of Armstrong County who may be experiencing medical distress the best chance to receive timely care. At this time, 9-1-1 calls requiring ambulance response are being handled by Amarillo.

In the past, Armstrong County has received ambulance assistance from neighboring communities—including Panhandle. The increased reliance on these services has caused strain on these community relations. According to a letter from Terry Coffee, Mayor and City Manager of Panhandle, "Many of the calls your dispatch calls [Panhandle EMS] rather

than page your own service for fear of not having anyone there to answer." The reduced number of available, qualified volunteers to run the Claude Ambulance service has been a growing problem for the City of Claude. Coffee went on to say, "Panhandle EMS will no longer answer calls in [our] city." Panhandle EMS has a designated service area in Carson County and taking an ambulance out of that area to make calls in Armstrong County leaves them open to significant liability.

Services from Panhandle EMS will not resume unless the City of Claude or Armstrong County were to sign a contract with the service at a rate of \$2,000 per call. Coffee acknowledges the fact that if the city were indeed able to contract with Panhandle at that rate; it most likely could afford to maintain its own service. "You have a service that has been in the early years a model of the EMS community, yet because of lack of help and poor management of your service in the past it could put your citizens in dire straits," Coffee finished. He also urged the City and County to come together to find a solution to the EMS situation.

In an effort to find that solution, an unofficial meeting was held at City Hall on Thursday, June



Claude EMS has been temporarily suspended until a number of issues involving staffing, administration, communication, and finances can be resolved. photo by Christiana Mustion

8th, to discuss the current situation. The City, County, and Community all had representatives in attendance at the meeting. Although no official decisions were made at the meeting, a discussion was held as to what steps might be taken to resume ambulance service in Armstrong County as soon as feasibly possible. City Councilman, Dan Parks says, "This isn't going to be an overnight process. We need to figure out some kind of mutual agreement between the city and county to provide this necessary service." However, there is a sense of urgency surrounding this entire situa-

tion. Not only does a prolonged closure leave the citizens of Armstrong County without timely coverage, but it also has other consequences. "The longer we wait, the more we will end up paying other—more expensive—service, and the harder it will be to reestablish our own EMS."

Official discussions about EMS began on the city level at the City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 12th. Official discussions will begin with Armstrong County at the called Commissioners Court Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 26th. The resolution to this situation remains to be seen.

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OBITUARIES

Gary Don Harkey

Gary Don Harkey, 55, of Vernon, Texas went to his eternal home on June 9, 2017. Gary Don was born December 29, 1961 in Lubbock, Texas to Tom and Joyce Harkey. He graduated from Rotan High School in 1980 and attended West Texas State. He continued his studies at Texas A&M University where he received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and his PhD in Animal Science. Gary Don was a proud Fighting Texas Aggie and a lifelong learner.

Gary Don married Betsy Leatherwood on June 7, 1986. They just celebrated their thirty-first wedding anniversary with a vacation affectionately dubbed the "Wild West Adventure," traveling up through New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah. The couple has one son, Logan

Dee Harkey of Canyon. At the time of his death, Gary Don served as the Dean of Instructional Services at Vernon College. He worked at Vernon College almost thirty years and filled several roles there, always working to help his students meet their goals inside and outside the classroom.

It is hard to describe Gary Don without mentioning his faith. He served as an Elder at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon, Texas. One must also include his love of family and friends. Nothing made him happier than spending time with Betsy and Logan, and he encouraged and supported Logan in all of his endeavors. He served on many rodeo committees and boards in various associations, and treated



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every kid as his own. Gary Don also loved hunting and spent as much time as possible pursuing that love. No one told hunting stories better. More accurately, perhaps, but not better.

So many young people saw Gary Don as an example of the kind of person they hoped to become. He was an excellent teacher, but an even better man. Gary Don loved life, loved people, and loved bringing laughter to those around him. All who knew him were blessed to be a part of his life.

Gary Don Harkey was preceded in death by his father, Tom Harkey. He is survived by his wife Betsy and son Logan. He is also survived by his mother Joyce Harkey, sister Joyce Lynn Grange and husband Chad, father and mother-in-law Kenneth and Janice Leatherwood, sister-in-law Amy Jarrett and husband Earl, and brother-in-law Dee Leatherwood and wife Pam. He leaves behind nieces and nephews: Mindi Grange Knocke, Matthew Grange, Jay Jarrett and wife Meagan, John Jarrett and wife Bridgett, Jed Jarrett and wife Carrie, Ashley Keith, Cory Keith and wife Katie, and Tate Leatherwood. He will

Mildred Clendennen

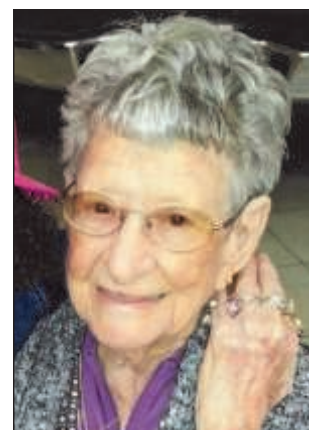
Mildred Lee Clendennen, 96, of Goodnight, the matriarch of five generations, flew home to be with the Lord on June 12, 2017 in Claude.

Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley, with Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mildred was born to Channar and Essie Crawford in Elmer, Oklahoma on January 3, 1921. She married to Woodrow Clendennen on October 17, 1936. They were married 63 beautiful years.

Mildred believed in hard work, making an honest living, and always made sure her family was well fed. Her goal in life was to keep her family one loving, tight knit unit that could overcome any tragedy. She was the epitome of caregiver. We have and will continue to commemorate her memory.

Mildred is survived by daughter, Betty Owens of Goodnight, Texas; daughter-in-law, Judy Clendennen of Pampa, Texas; granddaughter, Connie Spiller and husband Glen of Claude, Texas; granddaughter, Cheryl Hand and husband Danny of Claude, Texas;



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granddaughter Cindy Owens of Claude, Texas; grandson, Darrin Clendennen and wife Jody of Pampa, Texas; granddaughter, Misty Baten and husband Brent of Pampa, Texas; great grandchildren, Amanda and husband Clem, Rachel, Cassie, Hannah, Ty, Shay, Zackry, Amber, Riley, Channar, Kenzie, Keziah McGann and husband Brandon, Destry, Clay, and Jacey; great great grandchildren, Trinity, Braya, Bentley, Kennedy, and Jake; along with other extended family.

Mildred is preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Clendennen; sister, Joyce Meritt; brother, Garland Crawford; son, Doyle Clendennen; son-in-law, Merle Owens; granddaughter, Diane Rene' Clendennen; great granddaughter, Abby Spiller; grandson, Cody Owens; best friend, Margaret Holland Saunders.

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We also want to update you on the progress of repairs and updates made to the jail. We have now completed the repairs to the plumbing. This has been an issue for several years. We had a water pressure issue upstairs which prevented the toilets from flushing properly in the cells and some of the toilet parts were old and needed to be replaced.

Crown Correctional is installing new updated

phones for each of the cells in the jail. This is free to the county. These new phones will be in compliance with Jail Standards. We are also going to be purchasing calling cards for the inmates, thru the commissary account. All proceeds will go back into the commissary account to purchase items for the jail and supplies for the inmates. This helps the citizens of this county, since we do not use tax money for these items.

The county is now using its own fueling source. A big thanks to Commissioner Adam Ensey who came up with the idea. This saves the county on fueling costs for all the departments.

This department has also seen a decrease in thefts and burglaries reported to us since our deputy is out and about after midnight.

To all our friends out there, have a safe and happy summer.

Fleta Barnett

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSIONERS COURT—Mon. June 26th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

MUSTANG BASEBALL CAMP—Mon.-Wed. Jun. 26-28th, Incoming 2nd thru 5th grades from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Incoming 6th thru 9th grades from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Cost \$35, Mustang Baseball Field. For More Info contact Coach Moffett

ARMSTRONG COUNTY CAMP—Thurs. June 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to all kids 6 and up. \$20 per kid \$15 for multiple siblings. Call 226-3021 to reserve your spot!

INDEPENDENCE DAY—Tues. July 4th, ALL DAY, Have a safe and fun 4th! Don't forget banks and the post office will also be closed

CHICKEN CHASE—Fri. July 7th, 7:00 p.m., Rodeo Grounds. Team Check-In starts at 6:00 p.m.

CAPROCK RODEO—Sat. July 8th, TBA, Rodeo Grounds

CODY SPARKS BAND BENEFIT CONCERT—July 8th, 9:30 p.m., Claude Legion Hall. Dance and Concert to benefit the Hillary Irby Cates Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donation for admission

CAPROCK ROUNDUP— Sat. July 8th, Event times & Locations TBA, Claude, TX

COMMISSIONERS COURT—Mon. July 10th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

CITY COUNCIL—Mon. July 10th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

FBC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Mon.-Fri. July 17th - 21st, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, 3-yr-olds through 5th grade (all workers children will be taken care of too)

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BY ANGELA EDWARDS
LIFE COACH

Gym or group fitness? Better yet, why not do both?

As a group fitness class coach, I have been asked which type of environment is better - the gym or a group fitness class? Why do we have to choose? One is not better than the other, however, both achieve physiological goals in their own way.

The most important thing is that you are exercising and building a healthier body! Whether you go to the gym and/or attend group fitness classes will depend on your overall fitness goal. For me personally, I go to the gym for strength training and then participate and/or facilitate group fitness classes. I enjoy doing both!

Lifting weights has transformed my body into the physic goal I have for myself and going to the gym has provided me with the resources to work towards that goal. BUT do you have to go to the gym to lift weights? Nope, especially if you have the resources available to you. However, gyms have the benefit of providing large equipment that you may not have at home. There are so many machines that

can help transform your body at the gym! If you have a membership and are unsure about how to use the equipment, let the staff know and they will be happy to go around with you and show you how!

Group fitness classes are a great way to get through a cardio session and/or an overall full body workout with friends while still reaping the overall health benefits. The general atmosphere of a group workout is full of energy and encouragement!! You will still work hard but enjoy it more with friends than you would on your own. I love the connection you make with fellow classmates and the support you get from the leader! Not sure if there is a group fitness class in your town, ask around! Someone local will be able to point you in the right direction.

Can you still get the same kind of atmosphere in the gym? You sure can!. Luckily, I have met some great people at my local gym! We meet and workout out together or just do our own thing and talk along the way. We ask each other about techniques and congratulate one another when we reach or surpass our goals! Make a new friend the next time you go;

smile and say hello!

All in all, the most important thing is to exercise!! No matter if it is at the gym, at home or a group fitness class; we should all support each other in whatever place we choose!!

If you would like any health and wellness suggestions, personal fitness coaching or have any questions please feel free to email me at biblicalbodies@gmail.com. You may also check out my blog at biblicalbodies.wordpress.com or on Facebook, Biblical Bodies.

Miss Armstrong County Pageant is Here Again



BY CALLIE THORNTON
MISS ARMSTRONG CO.

First, I would like to start off with how grateful I am to have been able to represent Armstrong County. I am honored to have been chosen to be a face for my hometown this past year and am so thankful for this opportunity. As my time as Miss Armstrong County is coming to a close, I

would like to promote the pageant that is so special about our town's annual summer celebration.

Every year, I would look forward to that hot day in July where the community would come out to celebrate Armstrong County. The parade, bbq, pageant and rodeo are all things that every Claude kid has memories of. For me, I remember sitting on the grass lawn of the courthouse when I was in elementary. I would watch the pageant and look forward to the day where I would walk the stage as a contestant.

In a time where county and city pageants are fading out, Miss Armstrong County has stood the test of time. Dating back to 1924, many girls have had the opportunity to represent their hometown. Over the years, Miss Armstrong County has helped open businesses, rode in parades, and even escorted Santa. The pageant gives girls a chance to step up and be a bigger part in their community.

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The interview skills will come in handy when applying for a job, and having Miss Armstrong County on your resume might spark a conversation. While the public speaking may seem daunting, you are never as safe as you are in front of your hometown.

Personally, I would encourage every Claude girl to participate in Miss Armstrong County as a rite-of-passage. Not only will you make memories with your friends, but you will also be keeping alive a tradition. As someone who was once pretty shy, I know how scary the pageant may seem, but you have a whole community of people that have watched you grow up and would like to see nothing other than you succeeding.

If you are interested or have any questions, please let me know. I would love to talk to you more about the pageant and what a great experience it is.

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EMT Class Graduates Ten



EMT Class Graduates (l to r): Aaron McKinney-Danner, Kent Klarich (Washburn VFD), Jim Driscoll (Washburn VFD), Latham Daughtry, Shad Howard, Broc Harris, Jay Morris (Claude VFD), Tim Wilson (Washburn VFD), Andrew Holt (Claude VFD), David Fischer, and of course their amazing instructors... Lisa and Jerry Howell photo courtesy of Susan Overcast

The five month EMT Class, led by Lisa and Jerry Howell, recently graduated ten students. These students put in extensive hours of class, training, and study time in order to meet the rigorous class requirements in addition to passing the certification test. Once these ten students complete their clinicals and take their National Registry Test, they will officially have attained EMT status.



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Fun with the Sun

Woodward is beginning his summer solar system journey starting at the sun. But his spacecraft text message is breaking up. Can you replace the missing words?



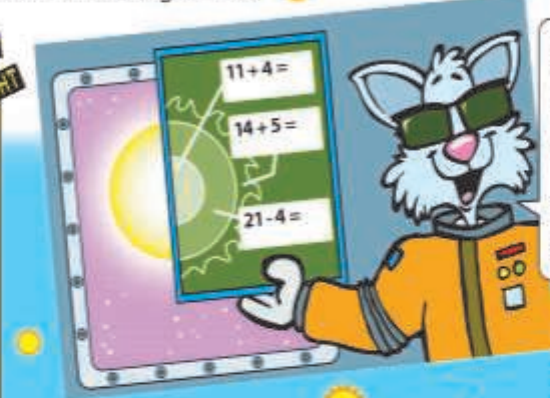
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Dear Kid Scoop Readers -

I am starting my solar system _____ with a fly-by visit to our sun. Of course, I can't _____ there because it is way too hot!!!

Even though our sun is _____ of miles away, it provides the _____ that makes life possible on Earth. All plants need sunlight to _____. Animals need plants to survive, and people need plants and animals to survive.

The sun's solar flares can cause _____ for electronic communication on Earth.



The sun is a star. It is a hot ball of glowing gases. Do the math to label the layers of the sun.

17 = photosphere
19 = corona
15 = core

How many suns can you find on this page?



While our sun is special to us, there are billions of stars like our sun scattered across the Milky Way galaxy. The sun's gravitational pull is what keeps the planets in orbit.

Help Woodward navigate his ship to the center of this maze, where an important message for YOU awaits! Hold it up to a mirror to read it.



How big is the sun?

If the sun was the size of your front door, Earth would be the size of this fruit:

W S K T J R B A N W Y B K E N R S R T Y
(Circle every other letter)

S

How many Earths could fit inside our sun?

A M B O L R N E
R T A H B A L N
R O G N S E
V M W I J L B L K I L O C N
(Circle every other letter on each row)

M
T
O
M

Solar Flares

Every now and then a tremendous explosion occurs on the sun releasing gas into the atmosphere. These are called **solar flares**.

Solar flares can affect radio and wireless communications millions of miles away on Earth and create light shows such as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

Sunspots

Sunspots are dark areas that appear on the surface of the sun. They are caused by strong magnetic activity within the sun. Sunspots can change size and move slowly across the surface of sun.

Extra! Extra!
Sun Adjectives

Look through the newspaper to find 5 adjectives that describe the sun.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?

33 million miles
(149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?

28 Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?

864,000 miles
(1.4 million km)

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.



WARNING!
Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Double Double Word Search

EXPLOSION
MAGNETIC
SUNSPOTS
PLANETS
SURFACE
FLARES
MILKY
SOLAR
GASES
RADIO
MILES
DARK
BALL
DOOR
WAY

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

A S T O P S N U S N
K S C R E O R M C O
S R T R S O T I G I
U L A E O H T L A S
R L E D N E M E S O
F A U N N A I S E L
A B I G R A L O S P
C R A D I O K P V N
E M E R S E Y A W E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Stem and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Without the Sun ...

Without the sun, we wouldn't have newspapers because paper is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On! Greatest Dad Award

If there was a Greatest Dad award, who would you give it to and why?

Kid Scoop Together:

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE

Kids in Australia learn at an early age the five steps to protecting their skin from the sun. They are:

SLIP
on some protective clothing like a T-shirt.

SLOP
on some sunscreen - SPF 30+.

SLAP
on a hat with a wide brim.

SEEK
some shade to get out of the sun's rays.

SLIDE
on a pair of sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Yeeouch!

If you forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide, your skin can burn.

A sunburn can be very painful and is much like a burn from fire. Your skin will turn red and you may even get blisters. As the burned area heals, your skin peels, which can be very itchy.

How to Treat a Sunburn

- Take a cool bath or use wet cloths to cool down the burned part of your skin.
- Apply aloe gel or sprays for sunburned skin.
- Don't use soap, as this could dry and irritate your burned skin.
- IMPORTANT: if watery blisters appear on your skin, you should see your doctor.



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