

# Christmas on the Square



**MORE CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE  
 ON PAGE 8**

*Shelby Britten waits while her sister, Ella Britten, visits with Santa during the Second Annual Christmas on the Square. photo by CHS Yearbook Staff*

I have to admit something. I really like watching Hallmark Christmas movies. There is something calming about them and the fact that they always end up happy. Christmas is my favorite holiday and while the birth of Jesus is the most important aspect of the season there is also the

importance of your small town coming together to turn their square into their own Hallmark movie.

“Saturday night on the square was magical,” shared Claude resident Leslie Whitaker. “Seeing everyone come out to celebrate our small town is something that warms my heart”. People like Whitaker

got to enjoy music from The Spirit of the ‘Stangs band, a visit from Santa, coffee from The Burrow, shopping in the stores, free yummy food, and an ugly sweater contest won by Aiden Whitaker!

“I was honored to have the band play on the square,” said Band Direc-

tor Shelley Thornton. “Our band is all about supporting the community of Claude in anyway we can. Spreading the Christmas joy through music is one of our favorite things to do.”

The highlight of the evening was when the lights on the trees of the square. Gena Ray and her

workers worked hard this to put on the celebration and they should be applauded for their hard work. It is citizens like this who make Claude special.

“When I saw the lights come on I felt so much joy,” said Sandie Gillmore. “It was a great moment. I love that this

has become a tradition for Claude.” Claude has many great things going for it. We have new businesses going up, we have new houses going up and now we have an amazing square for everyone to come and enjoy each night!



## Mayor's Desk: A Note from Bill Wood

What a wonderful and exciting day in Claude, Texas. That is what you could say about the "Shop-in-Claude" and "Christmas on the Square" events held on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

City Hall would like to thank Gena Ray, Kathy Miller, and all of those that helped in made these local events so special.

The Shop-in-Claude event gave local venders and others from around the area an opportunity to showcase their work. There was also a strong influx of shoppers from

our City and other communities around us. This was an excellent opportunity for individuals to support the local economy by shopping local for holiday gifts and other items.

The second annual Christmas on the Square brought in a large crowd both local and from surrounding towns. The event was a success both economically to our local businesses and as a positive advertisement for our City.

Our Square continues to grow with new businesses and new facelifts

for our old buildings. We would like to encourage more people to invest in our City with new shops and businesses. It is inspiring to see the continued potential and we cannot wait to welcome the new pharmacy and other businesses which will follow there after.

At the same time, the City would like to encourage our local people to clean up around our town. Our community is great, and we want people to see our very best. Vacant houses, unoccupied trailer houses, and empty lots make bad sites for people to view within our City limits. Working together to clean these problem areas will only help to improve the safety and appeal of our community.

One step at a time, let's make Claude a positive, clean, and great place to live.

Bill Wood

**USPS 116-380 Established January 1, 1890**

Periodicals Second-Class Postage Paid at Claude, TX  
Armstrong County, Texas,

Under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879

Published Weekly Except Christmas Week

Publishers— The Claude News, Christiana Mustion

Editor— Christiana Mustion

Advertising Director—Jimmy Mustion

Postmaster, please send address changes to:

PO BOX 778

119 N Trice

Claude, TX 79019-0778

Phone: 806-226-4500

Email: theclaudenews@gmail.com

Website: www.claudenewstx.com

Armstrong County Subscription Rate - \$25.00 Yearly

Out-of-County, In Texas- \$35.00 Yearly

Out of State- \$40.00 Yr

Online Edition- \$15.00 Yr

Single Copy Price - 75¢

**MEMBER**  
**TA**  
**TEXAS PRESS**  
**ASSOCIATION**



**PANHANDLE PRESS**  
**ASSOCIATION**



Locally Owned & Operated  
Reliable, High-Speed Internet

**806-316-5071**

**AmarilloWireless.net**

**PROUD TO SERVE CLAUDE & WASHBURN!**

Thursdays are

# Catfish Night!

5pm—8pm



Enjoy fresh catfish, fries, coleslaw, beans, tea, and hushpuppies for \$10.99!

**Mighty's**

226-2440

**Earn more with Quality!**  
★★★★ **30 YEARS OF SERVICE** ★★★★★

**Looking for CDL A or B drivers to deliver new trucks all over the US and Canada.**

**Experience preferred. Must have DOT physical and be willing to keep logs. No DUIs in last 10 years, clean MVR.**

**Quality Drive-Away** Apply Online at [www.qualitydriveaway.com](http://www.qualitydriveaway.com) or call 574-642-2023

## GRASS LEASE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Claude, Texas, will receive sealed bids for 160 acres of grass to lease for grazing. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017, in the City Secretary's office in City Hall. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the City Council meeting on December 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked GRASS LEASE—SEALED BIDS. Bids to be received for the following: 160 acres of grass for grazing lease, with the lease to start January 1, 2018 for a period of two (2) years. Bids should specify an annual dollar amount per acre, with that amount to be paid in each of the two years of the lease. Lease should be for cattle and/or horses only, with the maximum number of cattle and/or horses not to exceed 12 cows or horses with offspring and one bull or 20 head of yearlings. All fences are to be maintained in the current condition by lessee, and water will be purchased from the City of Claude. The City of Claude reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or part of bids, and to waive any formalities and technicalities. Call City Hall at 226-3261 with questions.

CITY OF CLAUDE



**MON., DEC. 11th**  
Breakfast: Waffle, Bacon, Fruit, Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, & Milk

**TUES., DEC. 12th**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Fruit, Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Cucumbers, Refried Beans, Applesauce, & Milk

**WED., DEC. 13th**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch: Chicken Tenders, Texas Toast, Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Fruit, Crispy Cereal Treat, & Milk

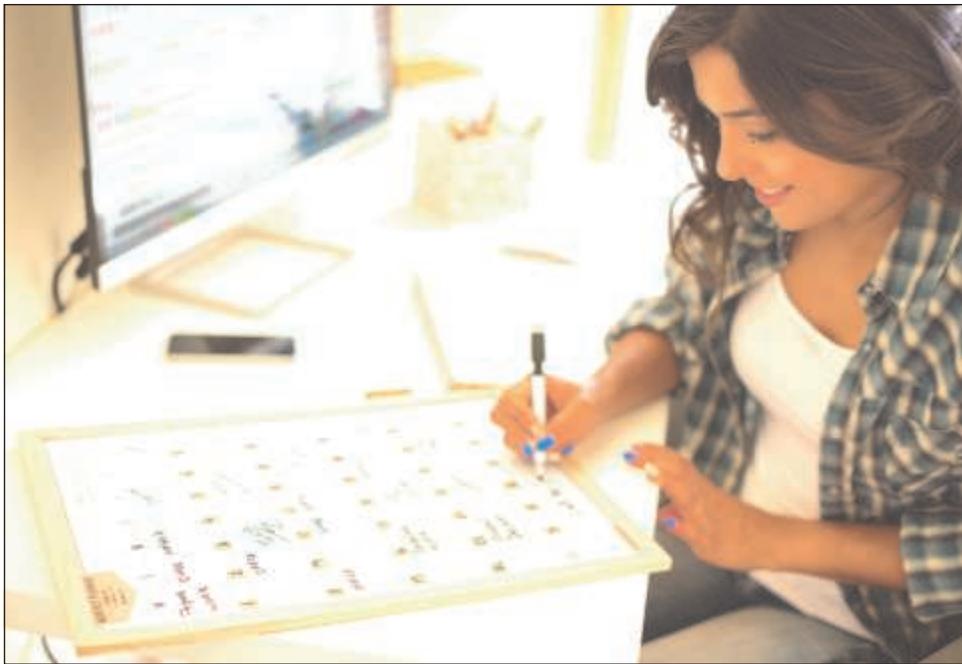
**THURS., DEC. 14th**  
Breakfast: Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Carrots, Salad, Apple, & Milk

**FRI., DEC. 15th**  
Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Smiles, & Milk

# Tips for Keeping Your Busy Family Organized



(c) jolopes/stock.Adobe.com

(StatePoint) When it comes to busy families, things have a habit of becoming scattered quickly. Here are five ways to keep everything and everyone organized, all the time.

1. Centralize Information. Hang an erasable calendar or family to-do list in a high-traffic area of the home where everyone can see it, so that everyone can add appointments, practices, vacations, school plays and other events. Be sure to hang it at a height appropriate for all members of the family, big and small.

2. Planned Meal Prep. Pick one day a week to plan meals and snacks for the days ahead. Prep items that you can in advance. Chop veggies, pack school lunches, assemble the lasagna. This will make the rest of the week a breeze. Family members can easily grab pre-prepared lunches and snack items before school and work, to take away the stress of busy mornings and getting out the door on-time. Plus, evenings won't need to feel so rushed.

3. Label It. From the spice rack to the medicine cabinet to the filing cabinet and the garage, clearly labeling containers saves time and energy, ensuring you can quickly and easily find needed items. Seek out tools to make the job of labeling speedy and tidy, such as label printers from Casio. Their Label Printer KL-120 features a QWERTY keyboard for fast typing and a 16-digit two-line LCD display with built-in fonts and character sizes.

4. Leverage Storage. Do you take full advantage of storage nooks and crannies in your home? Use bed risers to create more space under the bed. Well-designed furniture can pull double-duty. Seek out specialized sofas and ottomans that lift up to reveal extra storage.

5. Tidy Up. Items tend to move around the house, often ending up where they don't belong. Soccer gear in the living room, toys in the bathroom and items of clothing left on the couch. Dedicate 15 to 30 minutes a week for the family to

organize items and put things back where they belong. Having a standing appointment to do so will ensure everyone pitches in to help.

## Sheriff's Corner: A Note from Sheriff Barnett Calls Report for November 2017

Types of Calls	Number of calls	Types of Calls	Number of calls
Accidents	8	Motorist Assist	12
Agency Assist	4	Missing Person	0
Alarm	3	Public Outreach	0
Animal Control	3	Public Intoxication	0
Assault	0	Reckless Driver	12
Attempt to Locate	0	Resident Assist	15
Burglary	2	Sexual Assault	1
Civil	1	Stolen Vehicle	0
Control Burn	3	Suspicious Person	2
Criminal Mischief	0	Suspicious Vehicle	4
Disorderly Conduct	0	Terrorist Threat	1
Domestic	2	Theft	1
Drugs	3	Traffic Stop/Search	0
Fire	5	Trespass	1
Fireworks	0	Unattended Death	0
Harassment	0	Warrants Served	2
Hit and Run	0	Welfare Concern	0
Illegal Dumping	2	Unknown	0
Information	4	911 Calls	61
Juvenile Contacts	4	911 Texts	0
Lifestar	0	Phone Calls	329
Livestock Out	5	Walk in	25
Lost/Found Property	0		
Medical Assist	9		
Mental Subject	1		

Fleta Barnett  
Sheriff

### Church of Christ Welcomes You & Your Family!



Sunday: Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.  
A.M. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
P.M. Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Classes - 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to watch:  
**In Search Of The Lord's Way**  
➤ KAMR-4 Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
➤ KVII-7.2 Sunday 6:30 a.m.

**Getting To Know Your Bible**  
➤ DirecTV Ch. 377 - Mon-Fri 3:30a.m. & 9:00p.m.  
➤ DirecTV Ch. 376 - Mon, Wed & Thur 8:30p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> & Hawkins, Claude, TX  
226-4761

### Palo Duro NURSING HOME

405 S Collins, Claude, TX 79019  
(806) 226-5121  
www.paloduronursinghome.com  
*"Caring Hearts And Loving Hands"*

**Serving the Community since 1972**

Our homelike facility has been in operation for over 40 years, and we are proud of our history in the community and treasure our relationships with our residents and their families.

**Big City Technology with a Small Town Feel**

*We Offer:*

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- 18 Bed Secure Unit
- Programs for Alzheimer and Dementia Patients
- Respite Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Hospice
- Long-Term Care
- Dedicated Staff

**Admissions 24/7 including Holidays**

*We accept the following:*

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Medicaid Pending
- Private Funding
- Hospice
- Long-Term Care
- Insurance/Most Insurance Plans

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**VG/JVG BASKETBALL @ ABERNATHY TOURNEY**—Thurs. Dec. 7th thru Sat. Dec. 9th, TBA, AWAY

**VB BASKETBALL @ ADRIAN TOURNEY**—Thurs. Dec. 7th thru Sat. Dec. 9th, TBA, @ Adrian HS, AWAY

**JVB BASKETBALL @ HIGHLAND PARK TOURNEY**—Thurs. Dec. 7th thru Sat. Dec. 9th, TBA, AWAY

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL @ THE GEM THEATRE**—Sat. Dec. 9th at 7:00 p.m. & Sun. Dec. 10th at 2:00 p.m., The Gem Theatre, Get your tickets today and come out and join the holiday fun! Adults \$10 and Children 12 & under \$5

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**—Mon. Dec. 11th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

**CITY COUNCIL**—Mon. Dec. 11th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

**JHB BASKETBALL**— Mon. Dec. 11th, 7th at 5:00 p.m. and 8th at 6:00 p.m., vs. Clarendon, AWAY

**JHG BASKETBALL**— Mon. Dec. 11th, 7th at 5:00 p.m.; 8th at 6:00 p.m.; White Team at 6:45 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME

**FALL PRODUCERS MEETING**—Tues. Dec. 12th, 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m., Armstrong County Activity Building

**VG/JVG BASKETBALL**—Tues. Dec. 12th, 5:00/6:30 p.m., vs. Lbk Estacado, HOME

**VB BASKETBALL @ GROOM TOURNEY**—Thurs. Dec. 14th thru Sat. Dec. 16th, TBA, @ Groom HS, AWAY

**VG/JVG BASKETBALL**—Fri. Dec. 15th, 5:00/6:30 p.m., vs. Highland Park, AWAY

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONTATA**—Sun. Dec. 17th, 6:00 p.m., Hosted by First Baptist Church, Everyone is welcome to come and hear the Community Choir members sing and to enjoy cookies afterward.

**JHB BASKETBALL**— Mon. Dec. 18th, 7th at 5:00 p.m. and 8th at 6:00 p.m., vs. Wellington, HOME

**JHG BASKETBALL**— Mon. Dec. 18th, 7th at 5:00 p.m.; 8th at 6:00 p.m.; vs. Wellington, AWAY

**JHG WHITE TEAM BASKETBALL**—Mon. Dec. 18th, White Team at 7:00 p.m., vs. Vega, AWAY

**JVG/JVB/VG/VB BASKETBALL**—Tues. Dec. 19th, games start at 4:00 p.m., vs. White Deer, HOME

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE @ FBC**—Sun. Dec. 24th, First Baptist Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE @ UMC**— Sun. Dec. 24th, 6:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Everyone welcome.

**CHRISTMAS**—Mon. Dec. 25th, ALL DAY, Have a safe and happy holiday. Bank and Postal Holiday

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**—Mon. Jan. 1st, 2018, ALL DAY, Welcome in 2018! Bank and Postal Holiday

**CISD BACK TO SCHOOL**—Tues. Jan. 9th, First Day of Second Semester, Claude ISD



## Stop Living for God



BY ANGELA EDWARDS  
LIFE COACH

If I could leave you this year with one thing to start your 2018 year, it would be this quote “Stop living FOR God, start living WITH God!”

I heard a speaker say this quote a couple months ago and at first I was taken back. Um, I thought we were supposed to live for God? The whole, what are you going to do for God today? But when I took the quote home and dug into the Bible, I was brought to the realization that this guy was spot on. My

thinking about living my life as a Christian was misinterpreted. I am not only to live for God, but WITH God! (cue light-bulb over head)

Let me explain further. I can live FOR my husband by doing the dishes, laundry, contributing to the finances, grocery shopping, etc. The motives for doing these actions FOR him are out of duty or necessity. After months or years of this, I could start thinking “I do all these things FOR him, and what do I get in return? Nothing.” The relationship with my husband has not and will not grow, develop or exist if I am only doing these things for him. This kind of living does prosper.

Now if I choose to live for and WITH my husband, then my motives change. Less out of duty but out of sincerity to show him love, honor and respect living this life

WITH him as my partner, helpmate and spouse. Now I do life WITH my husband, which includes the everyday chores but also the joys of living; parenting, hobbies, adventures, serving in church and the community, etc.

Let’s look at it now from the spiritual standpoint. If you only live for God, it becomes a duty. I go to church every Sunday for God, I read my Bible for God, I don’t cuss for God. The problem here is the beginning of every statement begins with “I”. You end up constantly thinking about what YOU can do FOR God. See that? The focus is on you.

But when you choose to live WITH God, you are constantly thinking about God in your everyday life choices, events, jobs, etc. After all He is always WITH us, so why not do life WITH Him?

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

What I desire for you to see and take into this coming year, is to start looking at your day to day choices through the eyes of living WITH God. What are your goals for 2018 and how can God help you achieve them?

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

Connect with me at biblicalbodies@gmail.com, facebook at Angela Edwards, Lifestyle Coach or check out my blog aedwardslifestylecoach.wordpress.com

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Taylor White  
Linda Spoon  
Taylor Fouquet

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Melissa Yauck  
Joanne Stewart  
Mike Siefker  
Kristina Sechrist

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Mona Harris  
Kelsee Watkins

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Tim S. Hardin

Beau Sandleback

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Ruby Malone  
Toni Blanton  
Dillon Harmon

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Scott Pepper  
Jarret Weinheimer  
Scott Pepper  
M/M Ben Cox

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Janis Rutherford  
Caitlin Haskell

Drilling, Pumps, and Windmill Repair  
Established 1896

**CROWELL WATER WELL SERVICE**

Mike Crowell  
Owner

P.O. Box 788  
Claude, TX 79019

Office (806) 226-3811  
Mobile (806) 930-4633



Lewis Whitaker, Broker  
Lee Whitaker, Broker

Office 806.356.6100  
Fax 806.356.6517

4600 I-40 West Suite 101  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

www.whitakerrealestate.com



# How Much Will This Holiday Season Cost You?



(c) eurobanks/stock.Adobe.com

(StatePoint) According to one festive and fun annual economic indicator, the cost of this holiday season for shoppers is not expected to rise a significant amount over last year.

For more than 30 years, PNC has calculated the combined estimated price of the gifts from the classic carol “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Known as the PNC Christmas Price Index, the results can indicate what holiday shoppers might expect at the register. This year, the index calculated the total price of all 12 gifts to be \$34,558.65, a modest 0.6 percent increase over last year.

While the average consumer is unlikely to shop online or at the mall in search of geese-alaying or a partridge in a pear tree, the Christmas Price Index can be informative for those planning their holiday shopping, as the cost for these gifts often increase or decrease at a rate consistent with the U.S. Consumer Price Index, a

measure of inflation produced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

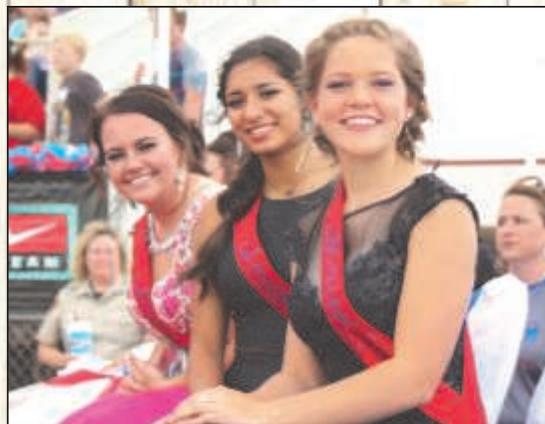
“The U.S. economy is growing at a sustainable pace, fueled by higher consumer confidence, low unemployment, modest wage gains and low interest rates,” says Thomas P. Melcher, chief investment officer for PNC Asset Management Group. “However, The PNC Christmas Price Index rose at slow steady pace of 0.6 percent in 2017, as companies appear hesitant to pass through price increases to the consumer.”

A few factors largely have driven changes in the index over the years. The Internet makes it easier to find the gifts from the song online, but these

goods and services tend to be expensive, mainly due to added shipping and handling costs. The price of services overall has increased, while the price of goods has slowed. Fuel costs, which have been especially volatile over the last few years, have a major effect on the cost of shipping.

So, while you may have no need to buy anyone on your list any maids-a-milking, it is good for jewelry lovers to know that the price of golden rings jumped more than any other gift that may be on their true love’s wishlist this year!

# Senior Spotlight



This week The Claude News has the honor of shining the Senior Spotlight on Emmeri Elliot. Emmeri has lived in Claude for the past six years. She enjoys Athletics as her favorite class, Mrs. Price as her favorite, favorite color Blue and her team is the Dallas Cowboys.

Upon graduation Emmeri plans to “Head to Houston with Ty and attend Houston Community College majoring in radiography. While attending Claude Emmeri was involved in Basketball, Tennis, Track, Tennis, Teen Leadership and NHS. Her favorite memory of Claude schools was “when the Mustangs beat Wheeler.” Something unique about Emmeri is that she has six brothers and two sisters.

Emmeri states her mom is her role model because “She is strong and can get through anything life throws at her.” Someday Emmeri wishes to travel to “anywhere tropical” and would choose “Invisibility” as her super power. Finally, Emmeri will miss “the small town and community of Claude.” Emmeri is another amazing example of the amazing caliber of students that come out of Claude.

*\*\*\*The Claude News would like to say a BIG THANK YOU! To Citizens Bank of Claude for being the sponsor for the Senior Spotlight this year. We are so grateful.\*\*\**

## Emmeri Elliott

806-226-2661  
gocitizensbank.com

101 N. Trice St.  
Claude, TX 79019

## 5 Things to Know this Benefits Enrollment Season



(c) eurobanks/stock.Adobe.com

(StatePoint) Benefits open enrollment season can be a confusing time for many employees. But rather than make decisions you don't feel confident about, take a bit of extra time to become better informed. Luckily, these days, there is a wealth of resources available online, and getting your questions answered is easier than ever, according to experts.

Here are five reasons insurance professionals say you should take your benefits conversation online.

1. Benefits explained in plain language. Of course, you can bring your questions to your human resources team, but you may get responses that are difficult to process or in language that can create more questions than answers. You might have a better conversation online, using free tools like DuckChat, a new 24/7 platform provided by Aflac, offering relatable and easy to understand answers to some common benefits enrollment questions. DuckChat helps users with topics such as enrollment, benefits options, providing insights that will help you better

understand how insurance works. Best of all, you do not have to be an Aflac customer to use the service. To learn more, search for the Aflac Duck in Facebook Messenger or visit [Aflac.com/DuckChat](http://Aflac.com/DuckChat). Aflac DuckChat is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a solicitation. Aflac herein means American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus.

2. Access around the clock. The truth is that many employees are not making important benefits decisions during working hours. Seeking out information about your benefits online can help you find solutions while the questions you have are still fresh in your mind, when you need them most.

3. Gives you more control. Get empowered to make the right choices about coverage for you and your family. There is nothing worse than entering a new year unsure of your coverage or coasting by with a plan that will not fully protect you if you are hurt or sick. A whopping 92 percent of those surveyed in the Aflac 2017 Aflac Work-

Forces Report, said they are not moved to try anything new. Instead, they often sign up for the same benefits year after year. Getting expert tips online can help you assess how your benefit needs have changed and how policies have changed, which could lead to you and your family being better protected.

4. Faster Answers. Benefits enrollment is already frustrating and stressful for many people. Make the process of having your questions answered the least of your concerns. By going online and having your questions answered via a chat service, you may be able to bypass sitting on hold or navigating a complicated a phone tree system.

5. Bite-sized information. One of the best parts about having your benefits questions resolved online is that you can receive crucial information in writing and in digestible, bite-sized chunks. That way you can break it down and not have to flip through hundreds of pages of information that may actually create additional confusion.

## Mustangs Lose a Close One to Boys Ranch



Michael Evans plays aggressive defense against the Boys Ranch Roughriders during the North Plains Tournament.. photo by CHS Yearbook Staff

BY SYDNEY KNOX  
STUDENT REPORTER

The Claude High School Mustangs Varsity Boys played three games this week in the North Plains Tournament hosted on their home court. The Mustangs went 1-2 in their tournament games, and they showed a lot of improvement from their tournament record last year.

In the first game of the tournament, they played the Amarillo Flames and got beat in the last two minutes of the game by three making the end score 46-49. Ty Ivy had a great game. Ivy had several steals, deflections, and scored eighteen points.

In the next game, the boys played against Spearman for the second time this week. They showed tremendous improvement since the Tuesday before holding the Lynx to sixty-nine points and scoring forty on the 3A team. Ty Ivy had yet another good game. Defensively, he had steals deflections, and scored a lot out of the fast break. Ivy was the leading

scorer with nine points that game.

In the final game of the tournament, the Mustangs played Boys Ranch and came out on top. They ended the tournament on a very big win. The dominated the Roughriders 71-56. Mason Smith led the team in points with twenty-seven.

The Mustangs played a really well and showed so much improvement. Ty Ivy played exceptional and even earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team. To receive this honored spot, Ivy had to have showed

great leadership, exceptional offensive and defensive skills, and just all around show superiority. This is voted on by other coaches with teams participating in the tournament.

The Mustangs played very well in the tournament and look forward to the season ahead of them. They face O'Donnell in Plainview on Tuesday and then participate in the Adrian Tournament. Come out and support the Mustangs as their season progresses.

**ORDER Your Holiday Greeting NOW!**

**CALL 816-489-3919**

Share your holiday greeting with the entire community. Purchase a Christmas Ad in The Claude News for \$25.

# Lady 'Stangs are North Plains Tournament Champs



The Lady 'Stangs continued their dominance of the North Plains Tournament by retaining their championship status. (l to r) front row: Laney Stapp, Emmeri Elliott, Katie Eichelmann, and Jaden Hughes. back row: Coach Leslie Burton, Coach Jeremy Black, Aubrie Brannon, Taylor Fouquet, Allison Giles, Jenna Cooper, Addison Reed, Coach Jason Cooper, Shiloh Heck, and Rebecca Ellison. photo by CHS Year-

BY ALYSSA HIGGS  
STUDENT REPORTER

The Claude athletics program hosted the North Plains Tournament from November 30th through December 2nd at Claude High School. Our varsity girls competed well, bringing two more trophies to their name. The Lady Mustangs were the champions of the girls varsity division, and Jenna Cooper, senior, was the girls tournament MVP player.

Jenna Cooper lead the team with one hundred thirty-four points, sixty-seven rebounds, and thirty-two assists. Allison Giles was the second top scorer with forty-nine points, as well as having thirty-seven rebounds and nineteen assists. Junior Shiloh Heck scored thirty-nine points. Katie Eichelmann, junior, had nine assists while senior Taylor Fouquet had twenty-six rebounds.

The Lady 'Stangs played several teams. The championship game against Spearman was the

closest game they played, the score being forty-four points to thirty-two points. They also played Boys Ranch and Pampa, winning both with great showings from all players. The games against River Road and Tulia were intense at first, but the Lady Mustangs pulled away and lead for rest of

the games.

The girls' basketball program at Claude High School is upholding their winning streak. They will play the Estacado Matadors on December 11th at Claude High School.

# Athletes OF THE Week



Jenna Cooper

Jenna Cooper had an outstanding tournament last weekend. She has been a leader on and off the court this year. During the Tournament she had to fill in at several different positions during the tourney to help our team overcome key losses due to injuries. She was the MVP of the North Plains Tourney averaging twenty-seven points per game, 4.3 assist and 10.3 rebounds. Her hard work and determination help lead the Lady 'Stangs to their second consecutive North Plains Tournament Championship.



Ty Ivy

Ty Ivy is a great leader in our program. He has tremendous understanding of the game. He knows where everybody should be at all times. He sees the play before it happens and makes big time plays with his passing. This week he has had a great tournament run and won a spot on the all tournament team. Ty helped lead us to a big time win over boys ranch on Saturday—especially with his defense and timely free throws.

## HeadQuarters Family Hair Care

Lori Baggett, Owner/Operator  
312 E. 12th Street • 806-226-2110  
HeadQuarters Family Hair Care

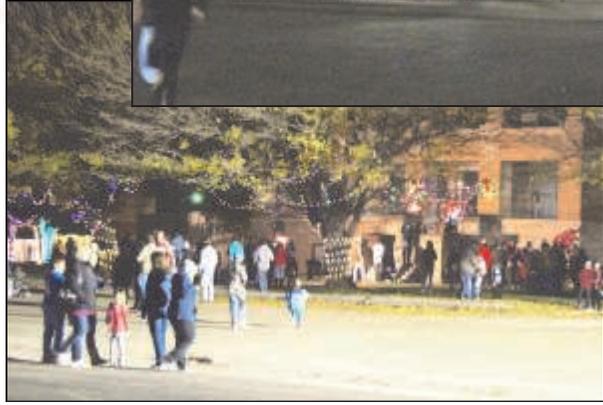


CARSON COUNTY GIN, LP

PO BOX 277  
2290 HIGHWAY 60 WEST  
WHITE DEER TX 79097

KEITH MIXON, MANAGER  
806-883-2535 PHONE 806-883-2031 FAX  
806-683-3080 CELL  
<http://www.carsoncountyginc.com>

# Christmas on the Square

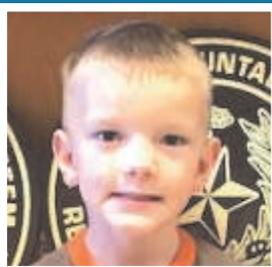


## STAR STUDENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8



Allison Corral  
Mrs. Minkley, PreK



Nathan Clark  
Mrs. Burns, Kindergarten



Ashton Finley  
Mrs. Bevill, Kindergarten



Jayson Morris  
Mrs. Merriott, 2nd Grade



Cloie Blake  
Mrs. Grange 2nd Grade



Grady Denson  
Mrs. Bichsel, 4th Grade



Brynn Ensey  
Mrs. Conrad, 4th Grade



# Take Charge America Helps Consumers Tackle Financial New Year's Resolutions

*Nonprofit credit counseling agency offers tips for setting and accomplishing personal finance goals*

PHOENIX – (Dec. 6, 2017) – The New Year is a time of optimism, often marked with lofty resolutions to lose weight, kick bad habits, pay off debt and save money. However, the glow of Jan. 1 is quickly dimmed. A full 80 percent of resolutions fail by February.

“Most people fail to keep resolutions because they don’t create an action plan to achieve their goals and fall back on old habits,” said Michael Sullivan, a personal finance consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management counseling agency. “In the case of financial resolutions, the best plans are focused on forming new money habits and taking advantage of automated services.”

Sullivan offers the following tips for achieving financial goals in 2018:

**Create a Budget:** Many people groan when thinking about budgeting, but it’s key to every financial to-do list because it works and is eye opening. Choose an online program, spreadsheet or old-fashioned pen and paper to track income and expenses, and then allot target amounts based on your goals for the year. Review quarterly and adjust as needed.

**Automate and Simplify:** Put your bills on auto-pay to ensure on-time payments. Also, arrange to have money direct-deposited from your paycheck to your savings and retirement accounts.

**Start small, and increase your contributions as you go.** If the cash doesn’t hit your checking account in the first place, you won’t miss it.

**Pay Off Your Credit Cards:** To pay off debt quicker, consider paying more than the minimum, automating your payments, transferring balances to lower-interest cards or taking part in free, online credit counseling.

**Evaluate Your Student Loans:** If you have student debt, make sure you’re enrolled in the best repayment program for your life situation now – not when you graduated. For some, an income-driven plan is the best bet. For others, consolidating multiple loans into one monthly payment saves money and hassle. There are numerous options depending on your income, family size, and even your career. A student loan counselor can help you decide what’s ideal.

**Assess Daily Spending Habits:** Take a hard look at your spending habits and find places to cut. For example, you can skip restaurants, bars and cafes for an entire month to see just how much you’re spending. Consider at-home entertainment options such as game nights and potlucks. Also review your daily bills –



do you really need 300 cable TV channels? Can some simple home repairs help you trim electric or water bills?

**Get a Buddy:** Lots of people have “gym buddies” to help them reach their fitness goals. Buddies are a great option for financial fitness, too. Share your goals, cheer each other on and hold one another accountable.

For more information on credit counseling, debt management or student loan counseling, call (888) 822-9193 or visit [www.takechargeamerica.org](http://www.takechargeamerica.org).

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling. It has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit [www.takechargeamerica.org](http://www.takechargeamerica.org) or call (888) 822-9193.

## Great Plains Western Church

*A Country Church of Second Chances Invites You to Have Fellowship with Us!*

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Hwy 287, between Claude & Washburn



[www.facebook.com/gpwcountrychurchofsecondchances](http://www.facebook.com/gpwcountrychurchofsecondchances)



Community Bible Fellowship

Now Meeting at the  
**Armstrong County  
Activity Center**  
Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.



[www.gcbfclaud.org](http://www.gcbfclaud.org)

## Sudoku

2			8			1	6	9
						2		
	6	8	2				3	
1			4			8	9	7
7	4	6			1			3
	5				3	9	7	
		7						
4	9	1			7			6

generated by <http://www.opensky.ca/sudoku>

4	5	6	9	1	7	8	2	3
2	3	7	4	5	8	1	9	6
8	9	1	3	6	2	7	5	4
7	6	9	2	3	4	5	8	1
5	1	2	7	8	6	4	3	9
3	4	8	5	9	1	6	7	2
9	7	3	1	4	5	2	6	8
1	8	5	6	2	3	9	4	7
6	2	4	8	7	9	3	1	5

Last Week's  
Solution



On the Square (Goodnight & 287)  
806.402.1129

# classifieds

Call in your ad at 226-4500. Deadline: Monday @ 5 p.m. Pre-payment required.



Buy, Sell, Trade,  
or Services to Offer?

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS!  
Call 226-4500 Today!

**Rates:** Classifieds are \$0.30 per word with a \$6.00 minimum. Thank-Yous are \$20 for a 2 column-by-2 inch "card". Lengthy thank you notes that do not fit in that space can be extended for the regular advertising rate. Call for more details or a quote. Announcements such as birth, engagement, wedding, and anniversary vary by length and size of photo. Forms can be obtained at the news office.

**Deadlines & Payments:** Deadline for Classified Ads are 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. All other ads and news submission must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Monday. Payment is due at the time you place the ad, unless you have an established account.

**Errors:** Check your ad for errors on the first publication. *The Claude News* will not be liable for errors after the first publication. *The Claude News* does not vouch for the legitimacy of any ad, job, or money-making opportunity. We suggest that you thoroughly check out any offer before making a commitment or giving out personal information.

## ATTEBURY GRAIN INC



Serving All Your  
Grain, Feed, Seed  
and Fertilizer Needs

Go  
**Mustangs!**

We Appreciate  
Your Business!  
(806) 226-2251

## Palo Duro

Nursing Home  
Claude, TX

Has the following  
positions available:

**Housekeeping—PT**  
**Laundry—PT**

806-226-5121  
or come by to fill  
out an application

## Mesothelioma

EXPERIENCE  
COUNTS  
*Lawyers with more  
than 100 years  
combined expertise.*

may occur 30 to 60 years after exposure to **asbestos**. Many workers were exposed from the 1940s through the 1970s. Industrial and construction workers, along with their families (second hand exposure) are among those at risk for mesothelioma, lung cancer, or gastro cancer (throat, stomach, colon). Call us for professional insight.

Ryan A. Krebs, M.D., J.D.  
*Doctor-Lawyer in Full-time Law Practice*  
Richard A. Dodd, L.C.  
Timothy R. Cappolino, P.C.  
*Board Certified Personal Injury, Trial Law and Civil Trial  
Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization*  
**NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT**

**1-800-460-0606**  
[www.AsbestosLaw.com](http://www.AsbestosLaw.com)

## FABULOUS FREEBIES

Giving something away for free or looking for the owner of a found item? You could get a FREE classified ad in *The Claude News*! Call 226-4500 or email [theclaudenews@gmail.com](mailto:theclaudenews@gmail.com)

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TexSCAN Week of  
December 3, 2017

### EDUCATION

Become **Dietary Manager** in eight months in online program offered by Tennessee College of Applied Technology Elizabethton. Details at [www.tcatelizabethton.edu](http://www.tcatelizabethton.edu), or email [lisa.blackburn@tcatelizabethton.edu](mailto:lisa.blackburn@tcatelizabethton.edu).

### AUCTION

**Cattleman Bull & Female Sale**, Noon, Jan. 20, 2018, El Campo Livestock Auction, El Campo, TX – [www.cattlemansale.com](http://www.cattlemansale.com), Adrian Knight 903-452-7591 or Kelly Conley 903-857-2594.

### SAWMILLS

**Sawmills from only \$4,397.00**—Make & Save Money with your own bandmill – Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship! Free info/DVD: [www.norwoodsawmills.com](http://www.norwoodsawmills.com) 1-800-578-1363, Ext 300N.

### RECEIVING PAYMENTS

Receiving payments from real estate you sold? Get cash now! Call Steve: 1-888-870-2243. [www.SteveCashesNotes.com](http://www.SteveCashesNotes.com)

### OIL AND GAS RIGHTS

We buy oil, gas & mineral rights. Both non-producing and producing including non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI). Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation. 1-806-620-1422, [LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com](mailto:LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com). Lobo Minerals, LLC, PO Box 1800, Lubbock, TX 79408-1800.

### TRUCK DRIVERS

**Driver - CDL A Training** \$250 - \$500 Incentive Bonus. No Out of Pocket Tuition Cost! Get Your CDL in 22 Days. 6 Day Refresher Courses Available. Minimum 21 Years. 855-755-5545. EOE [www.kllmdrivingacademy.com](http://www.kllmdrivingacademy.com).

**Quality Drive-Away Inc.**, Looking for CDL A or B drivers to deliver new trucks all over the US and Canada. Experience Preferred. Must have DOT physical and be willing to keep logs. No DUIs in the last 10 years, clean MVR. Apply Online at [www.qualitydriveaway.com](http://www.qualitydriveaway.com) or call 574-642-2023.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

**Mesothelioma may occur** 30 to 60 years after exposure to asbestos. Industrial and construction workers and their families may have been exposed from the 1940s through the 1970s. Call 1-800-460-0606 for professional insight or visit [www.asbestoslaw.com](http://www.asbestoslaw.com).

**Texas Press Statewide Classified Network**  
**251 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads**  
**Start At \$250 • Email [ads@texaspress.com](mailto:ads@texaspress.com)**

NOTICE While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is [www.ftc.gov/bizop](http://www.ftc.gov/bizop).

**WE BUY OIL, GAS, & MINERAL RIGHTS**

Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)  
Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.

CALL TODAY: 806.620.1422

**LOBO MINERALS, LLC**  
PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408-1800  
[LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com](mailto:LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com)

The Claude News  
 kid's page is brought to  
 you by our  
 2017  
 Newspapers In  
 Education  
 Partners:

Find the answer **FAST** with high speed internet from

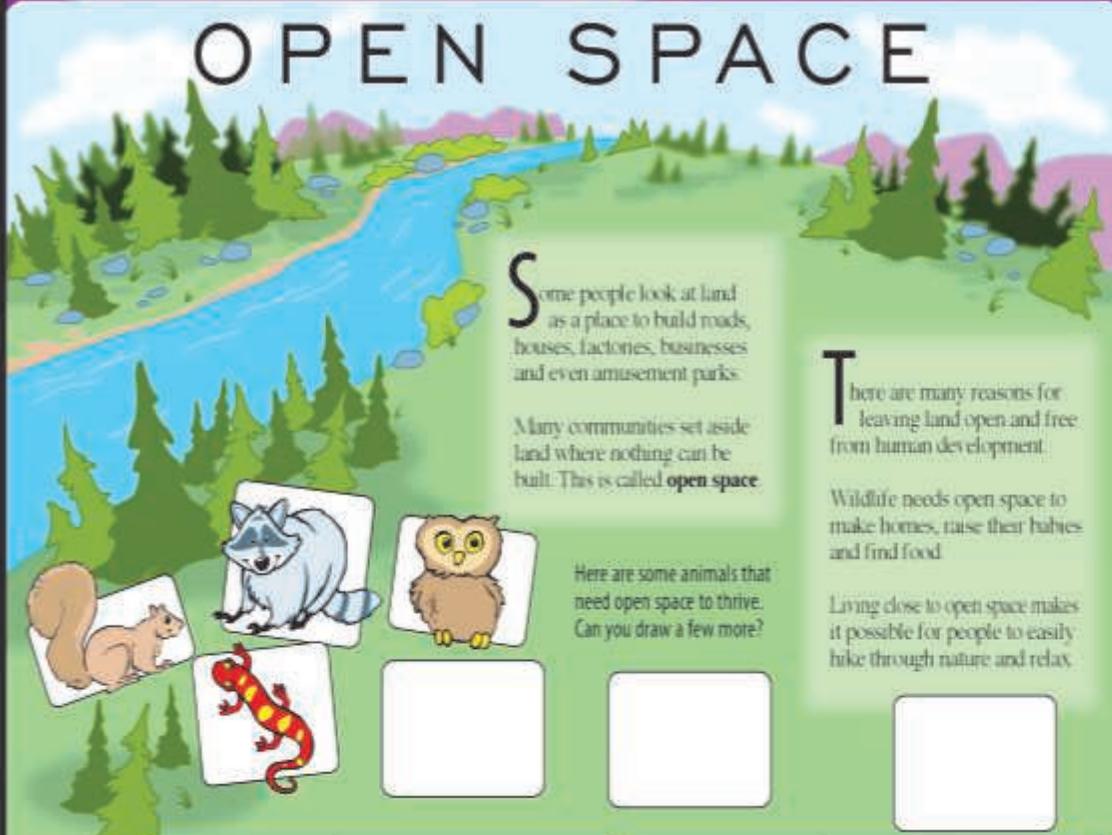


**Kid Scoop** .com THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Find Kid Scoop on Facebook

© 2017 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schrikel, Graphics Vol. 32, No. 52

# OPEN SPACE



Some people look at land as a place to build roads, houses, factories, businesses and even amusement parks.

Many communities set aside land where nothing can be built. This is called **open space**.

There are many reasons for leaving land open and free from human development.

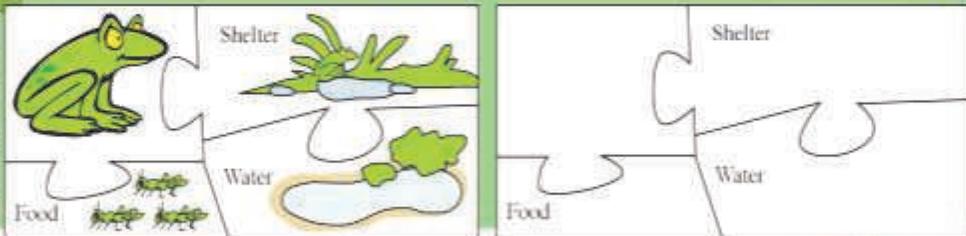
Wildlife needs open space to make homes, raise their babies and find food.

Living close to open space makes it possible for people to easily hike through nature and relax.

Here are some animals that need open space to thrive. Can you draw a few more?



Make a survival puzzle for an animal you like. Use the frog survival puzzle as an example.



## Wetlands are Open Space

Wetlands are areas of land that are, well, wet. A wetland is covered by water at least part of the year. You can find these along the ocean or a bay, near lakes, creeks and rivers.

Wetlands are very important. They contain little bacteria that actually clean water!

Unfortunately, when people build on wetlands, buildings can sink in deep mud or flood!

Wetlands have several names. Circle every other letter to discover some of them.



Extra! Extra!

**Love Nature**  
 Cut out words and letters that spell words that describe what you love about nature. Glue these on the heart.



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



These are the largest reptiles in North America. They are believed to be over 200 million years old. Once nearly extinct, they can live between 35 to 50 years in the wild.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Nature's Compound Words

Use the pictures to decode each compound word. Remember, a compound word is a longer, new word made up of two smaller words.

b er er + fly = **beetle**

cat + fish = **catfish**

cow + frog = **cowfrog**

baby + snake = **babysnake**

Draw lines to connect two words to make a compound word.

lady grass bow bug  
 dragon rain fly hopper

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple article directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

BUILDINGS  
 DESCRIBE  
 BACTERIA  
 PINECONE  
 WETLANDS  
 NATURE  
 SPACE  
 HUMAN  
 WATER  
 AREAS  
 HOUSE  
 OPEN  
 HIKE  
 LAND  
 LEAF

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing different words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Nature made or man made?

Look through the newspaper and find three pictures or words that show things that are made by nature. Next find three things that are made by man. Which were easier to find?

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

### Write On!

## Science in Your Life

How has science made your life better?

### Kid Scoop Together:

## Nature Walk Checklist

Work with a family member to unscramble the words below that describe things you might see on a nature walk. Then take a walk outside with a family member. Check off the things you see!

- krco
- ilso
- agsrs
- witg
- dirb
- rakb
- elaf
- donp
- silhl
- duloc
- cnites
- wolfer

What else did you see that was not on this list?

---



---



---



---



---

*LJ Shutterbugs  
Photography*

Your SUCCESS. Our PURPOSE.

**LOANS  
INSURANCE  
LEASING**

**AG  
TEXAS**  
FARM CREDIT SERVICES

AGTEXAS is an  
equal opportunity  
provider

AGTEXAS.com

Crowell Water Well Service  
*Mike Crowell Family*  
Office: 226-3811 Cell: 930-4633

# MUSTANGS FAN ZONE

## MUSTANG BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
T 11/14	Hartley	W 49-31	HOME
F 11/17	Boys Ranch	L 57-63	AWAY
T 11/28	Spearman		HOME
11/30-12/2	North Plains Tourney	W 1-2 L	HOME
T 12/5	<b>O'Donnell</b>		Plainview HS
12/7-12/9	Adrian Tourney	TBA	AWAY
12/14-12/16	Groom Tourney	TBA	AWAY
T 12/19	White Deer	8:00 PM	HOME
S 12/23	Sanford-Fritch	11:30 AM	AWAY
T 1/2	Fort Elliott	8:00 PM	AWAY
T 1/9	Perryton	7:30 PM	HOME
F 1/12	Panhandle	8:00 PM	AWAY
T 1/16	Wheeler	8:00 PM	HOME
F 1/19	Clarendon	8:00 PM	AWAY
T 1/23	Wellington	8:00 PM	HOME
F 1/26	Memphis	8:00 PM	AWAY
T 1/30	Panhandle	8:00 PM	HOME
F 2/2	Wheeler	8:00 PM	AWAY
T 2/6	Clarendon	8:00 PM	HOME
F 2/9	Wellington	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 2/14	Memphis	6:30 PM	HOME

## LADY STANGS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
T 11/07	Bushland	W 60-37	HOME
T 11/14	Frenship (6A)	L 43-48	AWAY
F 11/17	Boys Ranch	W 68-49	AWAY
T 11/21	Canyon (5A)	L	AWAY
T 11/28	Spearman	W	HOME
11/30-12/2	North Plains Tourney	W 5-0 L	HOME
T 12/5	<b>O'Donnell</b>	W	Plainview HS
12/7-12/9	Abernathy Tourney	TBA	AWAY
T 12/12	Lbk Estacado	6:30 PM	HOME
F 12/15	Highland Park	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 12/19	White Deer	6:30 PM	HOME
12/28-12/30	Gruver Tourney	TBA	AWAY
F 1/5	Wellington	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 1/9	Memphis	6:30 PM	HOME
F 1/12	Panhandle	6:15 PM	AWAY
T 1/16	Wheeler	6:15 PM	HOME
F 1/19	Clarendon	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 1/23	Wellington	6:30 PM	HOME
F 1/26	Memphis	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 1/30	Panhandle	6:30 PM	HOME
F 2/2	Wheeler	6:30 PM	AWAY
T 2/6	Clarendon	6:30 PM	HOME
2/12-2/13	Bi-District	TBA	AWAY
2/16-2/17	Area	TBA	AWAY

**Thornton  
Construction**  
Les Thornton  
806-433-4786

**287AG**  
Livestock & Fence Supply  
806-226-2006  
www.287ag.net

**D/S**  
CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
Blue DeBord & Glen Stephenson  
806-220-9355 / 806-336-2515  
DBARSCONSTRUCTION@GMAIL.COM

**AMA-TECHTEL**  
Phone & High Speed Internet  
806-322-2222

Proud Supporter of the Mustangs  
Lendon Ray  
Attorney at Law  
806-433-4551 or 806-226-2228  
Go, Mustangs! Go!  
Lendon, Gena, Sadie & Madie

**Southwest Ag  
Insurance Services**  
Tim Young  
226-2319  
Youngag.com

**4-M**  
Water Well

**n&w**  
INSURANCE

**TRIANGLE**  
Shenee' Bichsel  
Agent  
806-674-6337  
REALTY

**Your Name  
HERE**

Cold Springs  
Consulting  
Bill & Donna Forbes

**CITIZENS  
BANK**

Attebury  
Grain

**Robertson  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
874-3515 or 226-2626  
www.robertsonfuneral.com

We have *faith* in  
the *Mustangs!*  
- *The Christians* -