

Britten Represents District 2 at Bluebonnet Luncheon



Shelby Britten asks author Max Brailler her interview questions during breakfast. photo by Leslie Whitaker

BY LESLIE WHITAKER

Each year hundreds of thousands of students across Texas vote for one book out of a list of twenty on the acclaimed Texas Bluebonnet Reading List. The award is then presented by 10 specially selected students to the author at the Texas Librarians Conference at the Bluebonnet Luncheon in April. This year Claude was lucky enough to play a very special part in that event!

It all began last school year when I decided it was time to bring the Bluebonnet Reading List back to Claude. It was a very

special thing to me when I was a student here (thank you, Mrs. Goodin and Mrs. Wood) and I knew the books were chosen by librarians and of very high quality literature. I knew that giving students who read 5 books from the list and then giving them a voice in which book won would be a great incentive to read - a book chosen by Texas 3rd through 6th graders only! We simply had to purchase the books for the library and encourage the students to read them! At this time, I also submitted our name to be chosen to go to the Bluebonnet Luncheon in Dal-

las in April. I knew it was a longshot, but a school from Amarillo was chosen last year and I did not think there was any reason why we shouldn't be so I put our name in the hat!

In November, just before we were released for Thanksgiving break, I received an email that Claude Elementary had been chosen to bring a student to the Bluebonnet author luncheon in April! I was elated and excitedly shared the email with the staff and administration! I'm not sure they knew quite what to make of it ... yet. Mr. Rawlins and I met and determined that the



Shelby Britten met her favorite publishing representative, Coye Duncan, of Opal Booze Publishers and chose an armload of books to bring home. photo by Leslie Whitaker

student who had read the most books to that point should be the one to go and fourth grader, Shelby Britten was chosen. She was enthusiastic about the Bluebonnet program from the beginning and was eagerly reading several books a week. We submitted her name and the paperwork began right away. Shelby's excitement for the conference and luncheon began to build and not knowing yet which book would win, she read every book on the list - just in case!

Any student that read 5 books from the list of 20 is eligible to vote for the winning Bluebonnet book.

Our students along with students all over the state of Texas voted in mid-January and then patiently awaited the results that came February 16th. This year, 141,141 students voted from 1,488 different locations in Texas! In Claude, we celebrated the live announcement with a huge Bluebonnet Blowout Breakfast! All of the students that were eligible to vote wore blue and attended a breakfast of blueberry muffins and blue milk. We all watched as Max Brailler and the Last Kids on Earth was announced as the winner. It was met with mixed reactions here in

Claude, as that title did not even make our top three - very few loved it and most did not even try it. But, undoubtedly across the state, the students of Texas loved it!

Back to Shelby, she now knew which author she would be meeting and which book she would be helping to present the award to and her excitement continued to build! The book publishers that put on the luncheon paid for each of the ten students from around the state to travel to the conference and stay one night at a hotel. So, Shelby and her mother, Karen Britten,



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BY ANGELA EDWARDS
LIFE COACH

The techniques and discipline you will learn from repeatedly practicing and improving your cardiovascular, flexibility, balance and strength skills can be applied to your spiritual wellness too. Spiritual Mountains are climbed in your mind. They can take on different forms such as depression, anxiety, worry, doubt, fear, rage, bit-

terness, hopelessness, restlessness, and more. Have you or a loved one ever thought any of these statements:

“Here I am again, how do I always end up in this situation?”

“I will never amount to anything.”

“They will never change, they will always be this way.”

“I can’t take another set back.”

“What a fool I am, I will never trust anyone again.”

“I will never get well. This is it.”

“Changing is too hard for me to do, it’s easier to stay this way.”

“I will never find my purpose.”

“I’m tired. I just want to sleep to escape reality.”

The world will use every tactic to attack your mind. What you think or say you are, where you are at in life, the state of your marriage, who your kids are, where your health stands... the thoughts that come into your mind will build your mountain.

These spiritual mountains are full of rough terrain. Jagged rocks can represent negative words and lies spoken, cliffs mimic the constant uphill battle for freedom, pits as if you will never get out of the whole, and the occasional flat ground for resting before another steep climb within your mind.

These mountains can be conquered but cannot be climbed alone. We need God and others to help navigate the rough terrain. Our ropes are the tools God has given us to climb with: the Bible, Prayer, Fasting, Meditation, and Worship.

We must have an anchor for the ropes which is God. He is our firm foundation and the victory of reaching the summit lies within Him alone. Lastly we need third or fourth climber to keep us going and hold us accountable when we want to give up; a spiritual mentor, spouse or close friend.

It takes just as much time, dedication and sacrifice to take care of your spiritual health as it does your physical health. Your spiritual mountain is ahead of you but you must have a plan before you start the climb. What is building your spiritual mountain? How are you preparing to climb it? Are you allowing God to be your anchor? Pray and ask God to show you where can you strengthen your ropes. Then pray and ask Him to show you who you should bring along for the climb.

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STAR STUDENTS

WEEK OF
MAY 4, 2018

NOTICE:

The Armstrong County Sheriff’s Office and the Office of Emergency Management will be testing the sirens on Friday May 18th, 2018 at Noon. After the initial test, we will be testing them every other Friday at Noon.



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Sheriff's Corner:

A Note from Sheriff Barnett

We have been alerted to a new scam going around. Individuals are calling saying they work for APPLE, Inc. The caller ID is also showing an 800 number. They tell you your cloud information has been hacked and they are going to fix it for you. They tell you that you can leave and they will fix the computer while you do what you need too, but when you leave, they get all the information off your computer. I am sure that all of you have had someone work on your computer that is legitimate and you know they never tell you to leave while they are on your computer. If you are a victim of Identity Theft, you need to let law enforcement know, along with credit card companies, banks, etc. You also need to contact the Credit Bureau to inform them of your identity theft.

This rain has been a blessing to all of us around the Panhandle. Hopefully, the good Lord will allow it to continue.

Donley County has had 2 cases of rabies and it would be a good idea for all of us to watch for animals acting different, wild animals especially. We do have skunks inside the city limits, so if you see them be wary and contact the City. I did some checking on signs we can all look for in these animals. I found them at Health.com Communities. The early symptoms of rabies tend to be subtle, last 2 to 3 days, and include the following:

- Change in tone of the dog's bark
- Chewing at the bite site
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Subtle changes in behavior

The second phase of infection usually lasts 2 to 4 days and not all rabid animals experience it. Animals that enter immediately into the final paralytic phase are sometimes said to have dumb or paralytic rabies. Animals that spend most of their diseased state in the furious phase are sometimes said to have furious rabies.

An infected dog may viciously attack any moving object, person, or animal; a caged rabid dog will chew the wire, break their teeth, and try to bite a hand moving in front of the cage. Rabid cats will attack suddenly, biting and scratching. Foxes will invade yards and attack dogs, cows, and porcupines.

They may show the following signs:

- Craving to eat anything, including inedible objects
- Constant growling and barking
- Dilated pupils
- Disorientation
- Erratic behavior
- Episodes of aggression
- Facial expression showing anxiety and hyperalertness
- Irritability
- No fear of natural enemies (e.g., wild animals may not be afraid of people)
- Restlessness
- Roaming
- Seizures
- Trembling and muscle incoordination

Fleta Barnett
Sheriff

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 5th

Niki Higgs
Annette Crowell
Shere Blanton
Melissa Anderson

May 6th

Logan Knox
Tyler Newsted
M/M Jimmy Mustion

May 7th

Emmeri Elliott

May 8th

Alicia Paden

May 9th

Kaprece Wilson
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May 10th

Crystal Miller

May 11th

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- KVII-7.2 Sunday 6:30 a.m.

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- KAMR-4 Sunday 12:00 a.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FBC WEE SCHOOL 2018-2019—Call First Baptist Church for More Information 226-4811. WEE School is a 5 Day a Week Christian Early Education Program for learners ages 3-5.

COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Sat. May 5th, 7:00 a.m., hosted by First Baptist Church of Claude

CLAUDE TREASURE CHEST OPEN—Sat. May 5th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vine & HWY 287

VOLUNTEER MEETING FOR THE CLAUDE TREASURE CHEST—Mon. May 7th, 10:00 a.m., First Baptist Church. All current volunteers and New Volunteers are welcome to attend

4-H MEETING - Mon. May 7th, 7:00 p.m., Armstrong County Activities Building

CHS SENIOR RECOGNITION - Thurs. May 10th, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church. All Seniors from the Class of 2018 are welcome to attend

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE—Sat. May 12th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Maps will be available at Various Locations around town

PICKIN' & GRINNIN' SESSION - Sat. May 12th, 6:00 p.m., Washburn Community Center. Everyone Welcome to Attend

MOTHER'S DAY - Sun. May 13th, ALL DAY. Celebrate with Mom

COMMISSIONERS COURT—Mon. May 14th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

CITY COUNCIL—Mon. May 14th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

WEE SCHOOL GRADUATION—Wed. May 16th, 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church

LAST DAY OF WEE SCHOOL—Thur. May 17th, First Baptist Church WEE School, Have a safe and Happy Summer

RUN-OFF ELECTION—Tues. May 22nd, Armstrong County Courthouse

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—Thur. May 24th, Claude ISD, Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

CHS GRADUATION—Fri. May 25th, 6:00 p.m., Claude High School, Congratulations Class of 2018!

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

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

FATHER'S DAY - Sun. June 17th, ALL DAY, Spend time hanging out with Dad.

CAPROCK ROUNDUP - Sat. July 14th, On the Square, Various Activities and Entertainment will be Available

School Lunch MENU

MON., MAY 7TH

Breakfast: Waffle, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Claude Meatloaf, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, & Milk

TUES., MAY 8TH

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Smiles, & Milk

WED., MAY 9TH

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

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

THUR., MAY 10TH

Breakfast: Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Pizza Choice, Corn, Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin, & Milk

FRI., MAY 11TH

NO SCHOOL

BY CLAUDE EMS

Emergency Medical Services in the rural and frontier areas of Texas is a whole other animal than the challenges faced in suburban and urban areas. Our response times are longer, our drive time delivering a patient to the closest appropriate facility is longer; not to mention finding, retaining, and training EMS personnel has become more challenging than ever due to multiple reasons.

In fact, just about a year ago, the fate and the future of Claude EMS was in question itself. Sev-

Keeping the Wheels Turning

eral changes have been made over the last several months, too many to list here, but here's the good news.....in just under a year's time, Claude EMS has turned its service around and are now headed in a positive direction..... that's right, we are keeping the wheels turning.

Part of keeping those wheels turning comes down to equipment that we use on every single call. One of the most exciting changes happened on Monday, April 23, 2018 when Claude EMS took delivery of a brand new 2018 F350 Medix Am-



The City of Claude is happy to announce the arrival of the new ambulance for Claude Emergency Medical Services. photo courtesy of Claude EMS

bulance. This ambulance was received through grant monies from the Governor's Extraordinary Emergency Fund Grant that is administered through the Texas Department of State Health Services. With this grant, Claude EMS was able to procure the new Ambulance as well as a new Physio Control Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor. The addition of the new ambulance and cardiac monitor will replace old outdated equipment and vehicles, and set Claude EMS up for an even stronger, brighter future.

The new graphics on the ambulance portray the Claude EMS spirit and our ties to the community and the people we serve. We want everyone to know that we are Claude and Armstrong County and we

are proud of our community and of the people that we represent.

Claude EMS would like to take the opportunity to thank the citizens of Claude and Armstrong County for your support and belief in our organization, and we look forward to being there when needed as well as being an integral part of the community. We would also like to thank Armstrong County Fire Personnel which consist of both Claude and Washburn Fire Personnel for all that your organizations do in helping make Claude and Armstrong County Emergency Services stand out in our region. We continue to grow, train, and work together to ensure the safety of the citizens we all serve.

In addition to our Emergency Services part-

ners, we would also like to thank the Claude City Council and Armstrong County Commissioner's Court for their support. We also would like to thank Bobby Davis with Southwest Ambulance Sales and the Texas Department of State Health Service for not only reviewing our grant and approving it, but also for understanding the challenges that are faced in our rural and frontier areas. Most importantly we want to thank those men and women who serve on our service, both certified and support personnel. Without you, Claude EMS would not be where we are today.

There have been lots of changes for Emergency Medical Services in Claude, and more are on the way, so stay tuned for future updates. We are planning a Meet the Ambulance day on the Square and we will publish this information as soon as the date is set.

Claude EMS is committed to the needs of the City of Claude, Armstrong County, and the people who travel through our great city and county of ours. We appreciate each one of you and request your continued support and backing of our organization.

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Bluebonnet Luncheon

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began making plans and arrangements for their trip.

April 4th, Shelby flew (for the first time ever) into Dallas and spent the afternoon at the Dallas Aquarium. I met up with them at a publishers dinner where Karen and Shelby were special guests. The next morning began bright and early with breakfast and a student panel interview of the author, Max Brailler. He was very kind and humorous with the kids. They took lots of pictures and he signed autographs. Then it was time to go into the luncheon, almost all of the 1,500 librarians were seated before we marched in these ten special student presenters. We were seated at tables near the front, each with an author from the new 2018-2019 Bluebonnet List. Our table guest was Pete Hautman who wrote the new title, Slider. He and Shelby had a good visit. Shelby and the other students took the stage at the appropriate time and did a fantastic job introducing the winning author and book title. We were all presented with a stack of books and a gift bag before proceeding to the exhibit floor to wrap up our afternoon.

On the exhibit floor, Shelby was treated like royalty. Everyone recognized her, as well as the other student presenters, from the luncheon and stopped them to congratulate them on a job well-done! Publishers were giving them free books at every turn and loading them up with bookmarks and posters! Shelby took the time to stand in a few authors' autograph lines to have books signed and soaked in the enormity of the conference hall. Shelby and her mother flew home very late that night full of ideas

and experiences! Overall, they took in the full librarians' conference experience and loved it!

It was such an honor for Claude Elementary to have been chosen and for Shelby to have gone to the Bluebonnet Luncheon.

While it is unlikely it will happen again for quite some time, we will continue to read and vote, watch and wait! Congratulations, Shelby, you represented us well and made us all very proud!

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Starting May 15th we will be on a new phone system at the Courthouse and Sheriff's office. The number for the **Courthouse will be 806-553-2860** and new **non-emergency number for the Sheriffs office will be 806-553-6933**. The Courthouse number will give you a menu to be able to choose what office you need and give you office hours. **As always if you have an emergency call 911** otherwise the new number above will be used.



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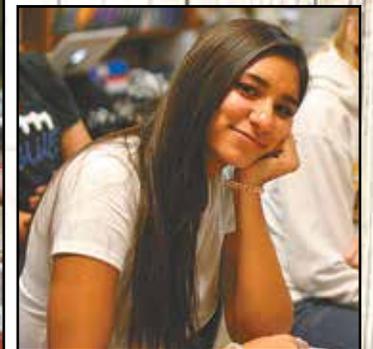
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Senior Spotlight



Our final Senior Spotlight for the class of 2018 here and it our pleasure shine it on Jaden Hughes. Jaden and her family have lived in Claude for 11 yrs. Jaden's favorites include fried rice, Texas Tech Red Raiders, and the color gray. Her favorite class was athletics and teacher Mrs. Price.

Upon graduating Jaden plans on attending West Texas A&M to studying nursing. Jaden was involved in many activities during her years at CHS. UIL, cheerleading, basketball, tennis, track, band, NHS and cross country. Her favorite memory of high school is "Being involved in extracurricular activities and making memories with my classmates."

In her free time Jaden likes to watch movies with her family. She wants to travel "somewhere overseas. Anywhere overseas." Jaden looks close to her for her role models "My parents are my role models. They are the type of people I strive to be. They are such great people who are loved by many, they are selfless and would do anything for anyone." Jaden had been a huge part of the Class of 2018 and is a wonderful role model for younger girls. She is going to go on to be amazing things.

Jaden Hughes



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Fun Days in May!

Check out some of these unusual holidays that you can celebrate in May.

MAY 7 National Lost Sock Day

You throw your dirty socks in the hamper. (You do, don't you?) But after washing, not every sock is found! Where do they go? It's one of life's great mysteries. While thinking about the fate of those lost socks, look below to find each sock's match. Can you find the one sock that has no match?



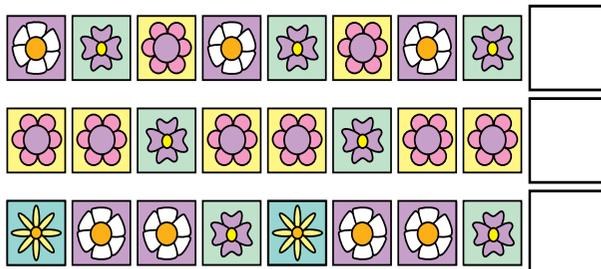
MAY 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day

Fold your arms like wings, play your favorite music and dance like a funky chicken! Sure, it's silly. But it's really good eggs-ercise! With some friends, try to stand in these crazy chicken dance poses for 30 seconds without getting the giggles.



MAY 30 National Water a Flower Day

Go on a hike with your family. Bring along some extra water and give it to a wildflower you find along the way. Draw the flower that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

MAY 10 Clean Your Room Day

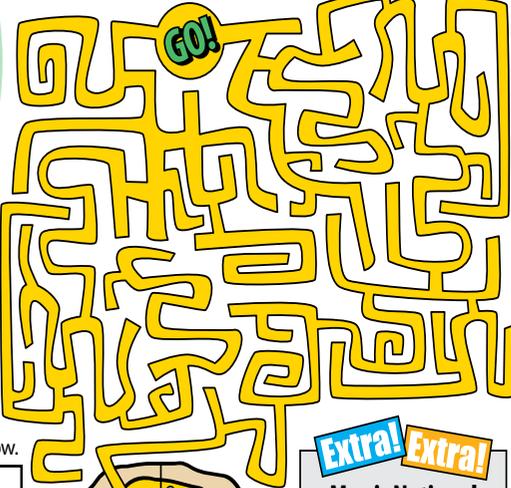
If your room has gotten out of control, spend this May 10 cleaning up your messy room. But first, help Chloe find the following things in this big pile of stuff from her room:

- 1 hairbrush
- 2 sneakers
- 3 pencils
- 6 books
- 6 baseballs
- 2 cups
- 4 paint brushes
- 2 Teddy bears
- 3 basketballs
- 8 crayons
- 2 dominoes
- 3 pans



MAY 18 National Pizza Party Day

Gather friends and family and order some pizzas. Or, make your own! Find your way through this maze to grab your slice of yummy pizza.



Extra! Extra!

May is National Hamburger Month!

Survey 15 friends to find out what topping they prefer on a hamburger. Create a graph to show the results.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Display results using a graph.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

MAY 5 Free Comic Book Day

Most comic book shops offer customers a free comic book the first Saturday in May. Visit your local comic book store and be sure to say a mighty, "Thank you!"

How many differences can you find between these two comics?



Kid Scoop Word Search

- CHICKEN
- UNUSUAL
- PIZZA
- FATE
- FLOWER
- SILLY
- COMIC
- SOCK
- HIKE
- MESSY
- WATER
- MAY
- DANCE
- ROW
- FUN

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

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

May is Teacher Appreciation Month

Design a newspaper ad telling your teacher how much you appreciate him or her. Look at some ads in your newspaper for ideas.

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

Write On!

Animal Riddle

Write a "Who am I?" riddle with three or more clues about an animal. Write the answer on the back of the riddle. Can your friends guess the animal?

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Some of the words are missing in this article. Work with a family member to decide where each word belongs.

- TOWN
- CELEBRATE
- HOLIDAY
- POPULAR
- FESTIVAL
- RULED
- SPANISH

MAY 5 Cinco de Mayo



On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a _____ called **Cinco de Mayo**. Cinco de Mayo is how you say *fifth of May* in _____.

On May 5, 1862, in the _____ of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be _____ by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French eventually left Mexico and each year, people of Mexican heritage _____ the historic battle at Puebla with food, games, music and dancing.

Cinco de Mayo became very _____ in the 1980s, and has been so ever since. It's a fun-filled _____ or, as they say in Spanish, a **fiesta!**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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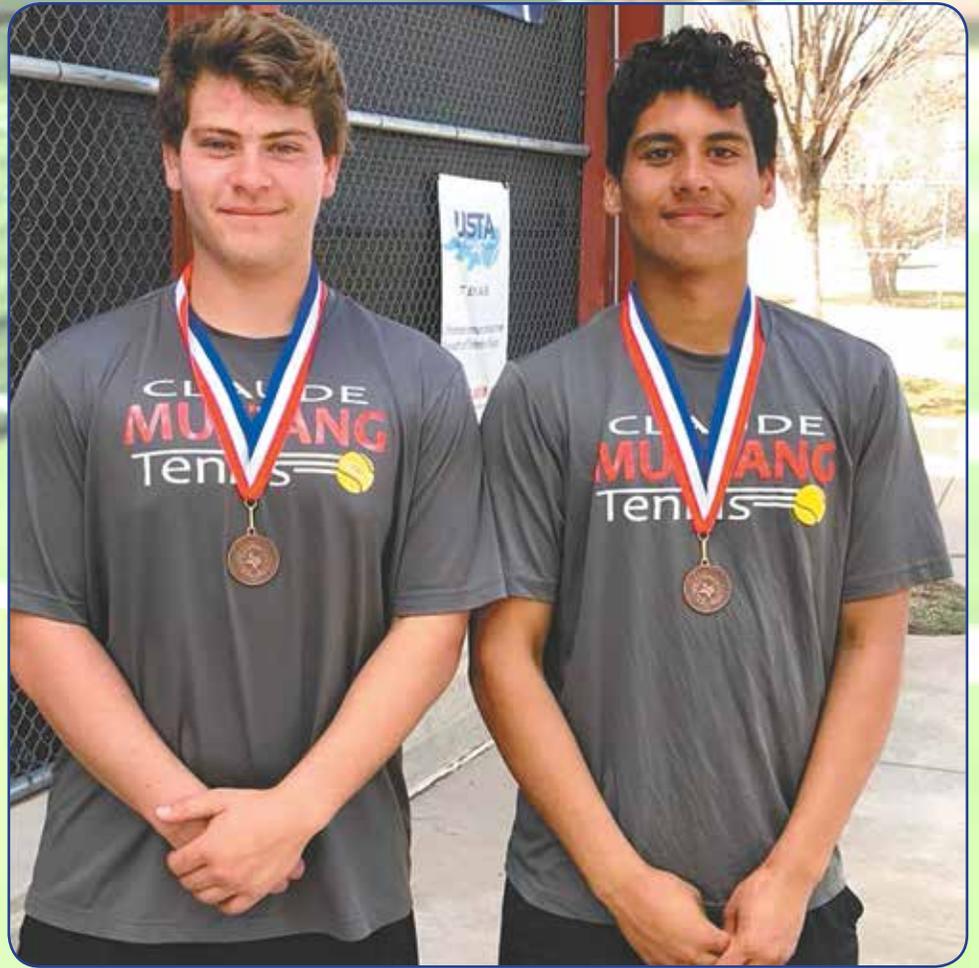
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