

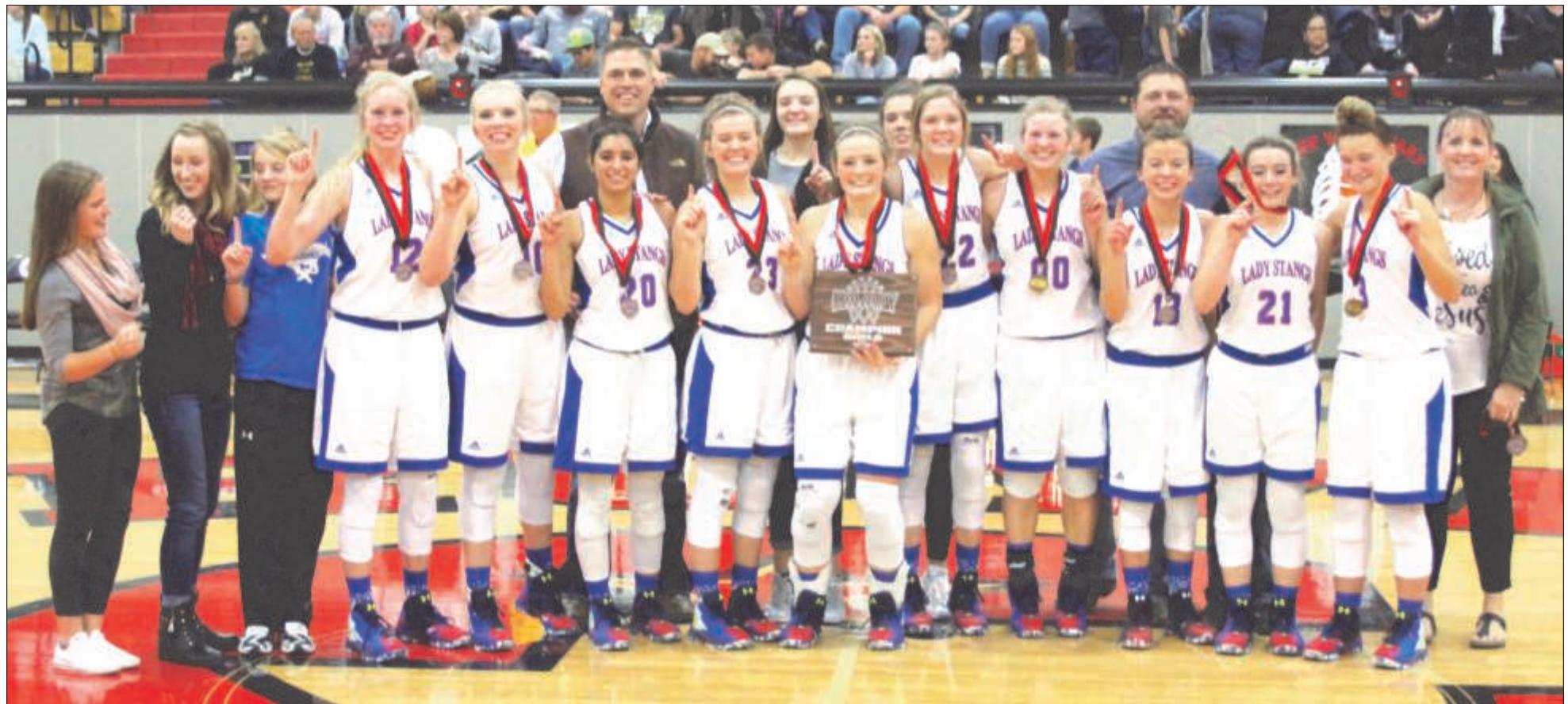
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Lady 'Stangs Win the Gruver Holiday Classic



The Lady Mustangs pose with their championship plaque. (l to r) back row: Coach Jason Cooper, Taylor Fouquet, Addison Reed, Coach Jeremy Black, and Coach Leslie Burton. front row: Emmeri Elliott, Caitlyn Haskell, Renee Fouquet, Allison Giles, Jenna Cooper, Jaden Hughes, Hailey Bennett, Hannah Bennett, Breckly Elliott, Shiloh Heck, Katie Eichelmann, Cate Bowles, and Rebecca Ellison. photo by Jimmy Mustion

BY ELISE CAGLE

While everyone else in the community was focused on the holidays and upcoming New Year, the Lady 'Stangs were preparing to compete in their third basketball tournament of the 2016-2017 season. From December 28th thru the 30th, the Lady Mustangs competed in the sixth annual Gruver

Holiday Classic Tournament. The Claude Lady 'Stangs were only one of the fifteen teams playing in this tournament. The competition was fierce and included other teams from our district as well as much larger 3A schools.

However, the Lady 'Stangs were not to be intimidated. First, the team competed against

San Jacinto High School. They defeated the Lady Patriots by thirty points. The final score was 64-34.

In the second round, the Lady 'Stangs faced off against the 3A Dalhart Lady Wolves. The team did not let the larger school dull their competitive edge. Instead, they continued their full court press and set the plays which repeatedly led them

to basket. The team came out of the second round victorious with a final score of 55-33.

Next, the team looked for redemption against the Gruver Lady Hounds who ended their post season dreams in the 2015-2016 basketball season. The Lady 'Stangs continued their court domination and racked up a total of fifty-five points which gave

them a sound victory over the Lady Hounds by a final score of 52-33 and advanced them to the championship round.

In the final, championship round, the Lady 'Stangs would face their most daunting opponent—the #1 ranked 3A team in the state—the Canadian Wildcats. There were over six hundred people in attendance to

watch this championship match-up. While Senior Cate Bowles filled the shoes of starting point guard Shiloh Heck, Sophomore Jaden Hughes overwhelmed Canadian's defense with her tenacious endurance, earning five steals and seven deflections. Then, Senior Hannah Bennett scored an

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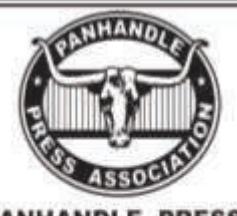
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OBITUARY

Kelby Wyatt Eddleman, 22

Kelby Wyatt Eddleman, age 22, died on Friday, December 30, 2016, at Twitty, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, January 2, 2017, in the Calvary Christian Fellowship Church in Shamrock with Rev. Tommey Cole, Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, and Dakota Lamb, officiating

Interment was at the Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock, Texas.

Arrangements were made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Kelby was born December 3, 1994, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Shamrock since 2008 and graduated from Shamrock High School where he played football for the Irish. He was currently a student at Oklahoma Panhandle State University where he played football.

He liked hunting and fishing. He loved kids, always upbeat, smiling, and had a kind word about everyone. He was known as Big Brother and Uncle Big. He attended the Calvary Christian Fellowship Church in Shamrock.

Kelby was survived by his father, Bo Eddleman and stepmom Angie



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of Shamrock; his mother, Holly Campbell and stepdad Michael of Cordell, Oklahoma; his grandparents, Pat and Virgil Eddleman of Claude, Linda and Buddy Allen of Pampa, Terry and Genella Crook of Fritch, Kathy and Keith Schieffer of Spring, and Teddy Pope of Shamrock; 3 brothers, Colton Eddleman of Shamrock, Jack Campbell and Cooper Campbell both of Cordell, Oklahoma; a sister, Tiffany Eddleman of Shamrock; a nephew Jaxson Orr; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Paws of Pampa.

Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com

Do you have concerns about falling?

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- One-fourth of Americans aged 65+ falls each year.

- Every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall.

- Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of nonfatal trauma-related hospital admissions among older adults.

- Falls result in more than 2.8 million injuries treated in emergency departments annually, including over 800,000 hospitalizations and more than 27,000 deaths.

- In 2013, the total cost of fall injuries was \$34 billion.

- The financial toll for older adult falls is expected to increase as the population ages and may reach \$67.7 billion by 2020.

Falls, with or without injury, also carry a heavy quality of life impact. A growing number of older adults fear falling and, as a result, limit their activities and social engagements. This can result in further physical decline, depression, social isolation, and feel-

ings of helplessness.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office along with the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle, will be offering a free class titled "A Matter of Balance". This class is free and is an eight part series. We will begin the class January 24, 2017 at 10 am. Each session will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours and will be held on Tuesdays for 8 weeks. We must have 8 adults over the age of 60 RSVP in order to teach the class; however, all ages are welcome.

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- View falls as controllable
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- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

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- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
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Please call 806-226-3021 to RSVP or if you have questions about the class.

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Lady 'Stangs Win Again

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outstanding reverse layup from Junior Jenna Cooper's tough post move. From that point in the fourth quarter on, the game belonged to the 'Stangs as they earned a score of 43-39. The team also forced an incredible twenty-six turnovers out of Canadian.

Not only were the Lady Mustangs and their coaches elated, but so were their fans. Marc Bennett, father of seniors Hailey and Hannah Bennett, beamed with pride while speaking of the 'Stangs performance versus the #1 ranked 3A school. "I have been looking forward to this tournament all year. The teams at the tournament were all solid, and Gruver and Canadian recently had been at the state tournament," said Bennett. "Being undefeated this year is a test for the team, and man did they step up! I'm most impressed with the win over Canadian and being down by ten at

half. The girls showed maturity, poise, and grit. They have been tested and are ready for district play and I'm super proud of the Lady 'Stangs and Coach Cooper."

In addition to winning the tournament, the Lady 'Stangs also received additional tournament recognition as Hannah Bennett and Allison Giles were named All-Tournament. Coach Jason Cooper could not have been more proud of the team. "The Canadian game was the type of game and environment the kids picture when they're in the gym all

alone in the spring and summer working on their game," said Cooper. "It's the type of atmosphere that you want to be in every time you play. It'll probably be a game we talk about for a very long time." But, Cooper and his team will not let this victory get the best of them. "We can't rest on our laurels. Starting Friday, everyone is 0-0 again and the most important games of the year start," said Cooper.

The Lady Mustangs still hold the #1 ranking in the TABC poll as they remain the only undefeated 2A team in the state.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Deadline to file applications for a place on the Claude ISD General Election Ballot for the May 6, 2017.

This Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the Claude ISD General Election Ballot, may be filed during the following time:

The FIRST day to file for a place on the ballot will be on January 18, 2017. The LAST day to file for a place on the ballot will be February 17, 2017.

To File in person, please stop by the Claude ISD Superintendent's office at: 509 Vine St. between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday thru Friday.

If you would like to file by mail, please submit your application to: Claude ISD Attn: Filing Officer PO BOX 209 Claude, Texas 79019.

This year we have an unusual set of circumstances for the May School Board Election due to 2 appointed trustees due to 2 board of trustee resignations. We have two expired seats (3 years) and 2 non expired seats, (1 one-year term) & (1 two-year term), you may run for any of the seats that are up for election.

- A. The 3 year terms are at large and the top 2 vote recipients will win the 2 seats.
- B. You may run for the non-expired one-year seat.
- C. You may run for the non-expired two-year seat.
- D. You must specify if you are running for an expired 3-year term or an unexpired term (1 year) or (2 year). You may not run for both an expired and an non expired term.
- E. You may not run for both unexpired terms in the same year. You must specify if you are running for a 1 or a 2 Year non expired term.
- F. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Claude ISD Superintendents office at 806-226-7331.

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Sheriff's Corner: A Note from Sheriff Barnett

The Claude News would like to welcome the new Sheriff, Fleta Barnett. Sheriff Barnett has proposed some changes to the traditional Sheriff's Report. Below is her first report. If you have questions about the new format of the Sheriff's report, please contact the Armstrong County Sheriff's Office at 226-3151.

Be sure to come support the Lady Mustangs when they tip-off against their first district opponent, Wellington, here in Claude tonight (January 6th) at 6:00 p.m.! Let's cheer them on as they strive to reach their ultimate goal—a trip to San Antonio and a State Championship for the Lady 'Stangs.

The Armstrong County Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting the lives and property within our community. With this in mind, we recognize that there is a need to address a safety

concern that we have for our motorists, as well as the livestock within our county. In order for us to provide better security, it is imperative that we are able to act promptly when there is any stray livestock out on the open road, so as to avoid any accidents. We are asking for your help in updating our livestock records, by providing the following information: livestock location, breed, identifiable tags and brandings, a list of livestock owners, land leasers, and contact phone numbers.

As a courtesy for our request, we will be mailing out a self – addressed Livestock Information form. If you receive this form, please fill out all the information and return it to the Armstrong County Sheriff's Office. Please note, if you no longer have livestock, or no longer lease your land for livestock, please return this form with your name and state your request to be removed from our call list. Together, we can help keep Armstrong County safe.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 6th, 5:00 p.m., vs. Wellington, HOME

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 6th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Wellington, HOME, First District Game

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

CITY COUNCIL—Mon. Jan. 9th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 10th, 5:00 p.m., vs. Memphis, AWAY

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 10th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Memphis, AWAY, District Game

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 13th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Panhandle, HOME, District Game

JV BOYS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 13th, 5:15 p.m., vs. Panhandle, HOME, First District Game

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 13th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Panhandle, HOME, District Game

MUSTANG BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 13th, 8:00 p.m., vs. Panhandle, HOME, First District Game

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 17th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Wheeler, AWAY, District Game

JV BOYS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 17th, 5:15 p.m., vs. Wheeler, AWAY, District Game

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 17th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Wheeler, AWAY, District Game

MUSTANG BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 17th, 8:00 p.m., vs. Wheeler, AWAY, District Game

NO SCHOOL CLAUDE ISD—Fri. Jan. 20th, ALL DAY, Teacher in-service day/Student Holiday

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 20th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME, District Game

JV BOYS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 20th, 5:15 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME, District Game

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 20th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME, District Game

MUSTANG BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 20th, 8:00 p.m., vs. Clarendon, HOME, District Game

WASHBURN COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT & POT LUCK—Sat. Jan. 21st, 5:00 p.m., Washburn Community Center, Come for fun, games, and food!

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 24th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Wellington, AWAY, District Game

JV BOYS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 24th, 5:15 p.m., vs. Wellington, AWAY, District Game

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 24th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Wellington, AWAY, District Game

MUSTANG BASKETBALL—Tues. Jan. 24th, 8:00 p.m., vs. Wellington, AWAY, District Game

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 27th, 4:00 p.m., vs. Memphis, HOME, District Game

JV BOYS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 27th, 5:15 p.m., vs. Memphis, HOME, District Game

LADY 'STANGS BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 27th, 6:30 p.m., vs. Memphis, HOME, District Game

MUSTANG BASKETBALL—Fri. Jan. 27th, 8:00 p.m., vs. Memphis, HOME, District Game

NFPA encourages prompt disposal of Christmas trees & safe removal of lights

January 3, 2017 — Dragging your heels on taking down the Christmas tree? Here's a fact that may motivate you: Nearly 40 percent of U.S. home fires that begin with Christmas trees occur in

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 7th

Toby Bagwell
Aaron Gray

January 8th

Cody Owens

January 9th

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Evan Westbrook

January 10th

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Robert Lansbury
Monica Clubb

January 11th

Leicia Redwine
Earlene Kodack
Jaden Hughes
Jaycee Morris
M/M Scott Pepper

January 12th

Shannon Thomas
Darlene Yelton
M/M Steve Westbrook

January 13th

"Christmas trees are combustible items that become increasingly flammable as they continue to dry out," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The longer you keep a Christmas tree in your home, the more of a fire hazard it becomes."

NFPA statistics show that Christmas tree fires are not common, but when they do occur, they're much more likely to be serious. On annual average, one of every 34 reported home fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in a death, compared to one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.

"All Christmas trees can burn, but a dried out tree can become engulfed in flames in a matter of seconds," said Carli.

"Sadly, over the past couple of years, we've seen incidents where Christmas tree fires have resulted in deadly consequences for multiple family members, including young children."

NFPA recommends using the local community's recycling program for tree disposal, if possible; trees should not be put in the garage or left outside.

The association also offers these [tips](#) for safely removing lighting and decorations and storing them properly to ensure that they're in good condition the following season:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.
- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

For more information on home fire safety all winter long, visit ["Put a Freeze on Winter Fires."](#) a winter safety campaign NFPA jointly promotes with the U.S. Fire Administration.

AG TEXAS Ag Youth of the MONTH



Alex Eichelmann

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Barnett sworn in as Sheriff

On Sunday, January 1, 2017, residents of Armstrong County gathered at the Armstrong County Courthouse in Claude, Texas. The group came to witness the swearing in of the new Armstrong County Sheriff, Fleta Barnett, and other members of the Sheriff's Office.

Barnett has served as an Armstrong County Deputy since March of 2010. Sheriff Barnett worked hard to reach the community with her message prior to the Primary Election.

The Sheriff's election race caused quite a stir in Armstrong County with strong opinions and supporters for both candidates. In the end, Barnett won the Republican Primary by a total of three votes. She then went on to run unopposed in the General Election in November.



Fleta Barnett was sworn in to her post as Armstrong County Sheriff by Judge Hugh Reed. photo by Christiana Mustion

After Barnett's official win in the General Election, it was clear that there would be a new Sheriff in town come 2017. Barnett was officially sworn in at 2:00 p.m. on January 1st. There was a reception held following the swearing in to allow community members a chance to

social with and congratulate the new Sheriff.

Sheriff Barnett brings over fifteen years of experience and lots of training and certifications with her to the office of Sheriff. We wish her well as she takes up the mantle of serving and protecting the people of Armstrong County in her new office.

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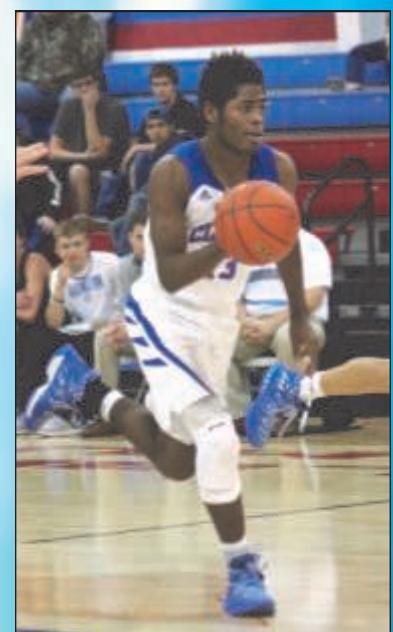
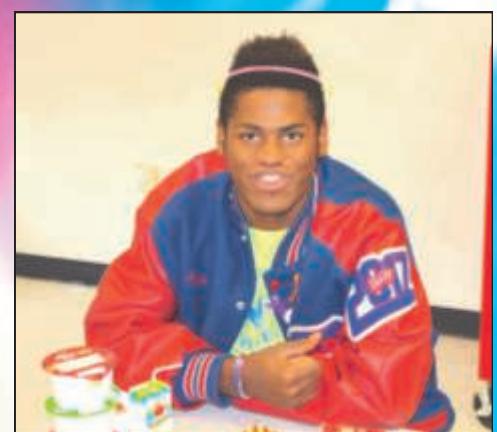


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Senior Spotlight



The 2017 Senior Spotlights continue with Kenan Staine. Kenan has lived in Claude for thirteen years and loves living here because "my friends are close." Kenan loves steak, the Dallas Cowboys, the Percy Jackson books, and his "favorite teacher is Mrs. Campbell."

Upon graduating in the Spring, Kenan plans to go to college for physical therapy or join the military. While at CHS, Kenan has played almost every single sport offered for male athletes. He played football, basketball, baseball and track. When he is not spending time playing sports for Claude, he watches TV in his free time. Kenan's family is from Belize and he hopes to visit there again someday.

Kenan states that former Claude superintendent Jeff Byrd is his role model because "of the way Mr. Byrd treats everybody." Kenan has enjoyed his time in Claude and his favorite memory of CHS will be "doing a game day dance every Monday in Mrs. Green's class." Kenan's future is bright and is a great young man that will do things that will make this town proud but he will always remember "the people and my friends" of Claude, TX.

Kenan Staine



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Nail Your 2017 Financial New Year's Resolutions

Nonprofit credit counseling agency Take Charge America offers eight tips for making – and keeping – New Year's financial resolutions



PHOENIX – (Dec. 14, 2016) – The New Year has become an opportunity to commit to new goals and rekindle hope. In fact, 40 to 50 percent of New Year's revelers raise a toast to living better, healthier lives. Yet despite their optimism on Jan. 1, the majority end up missing their marks.

"Many of us come out of the gate raring to go, but our enthusiasm quickly dies because our goals are too lofty or because we haven't established any sort of plan," said Mike Sullivan, a personal finance consultant for Take Charge America, national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "You're more likely to stick with your resolutions if you focus on bite-sized goals, build a solid plan to achieve them, and celebrate each milestone."

Sullivan offers eight tips on making and keeping financial New Year's resolutions:

- Review the past year: Start with a review of your current financial state. Did you earn more? Did you save more? Do you owe less? If so, take some time to celebrate. If you didn't, ask for help. Talk with a financial

advisor or credit counselor and explain your goals.

- Make a budget: It's an oldie but a goodie – and it's at the top of every financial to-do list because it works. Take inventory of your income and spending to get a sense of necessary expenses, discretionary funds and potential savings. Putting pen to paper also will open your eyes to any worrisome spending habits and help you make smarter decisions in the future.
- Automate and simplify: Take advantage of your bank's bill pay feature to automate recurring payments like your mortgage, insurance, cable, utilities and even savings. In addition to saving you time each month, setting up auto payments helps you avoid late fees.
- Organize your finances: The New Year is a perfect time to get your financial life in order. Establish a process and system for paying bills, review your credit report for accuracy, research financial software, set up auto deposits and shred old documents and receipts. This is also an ideal time to gather and organize your tax information for 2016.
- Save for emergencies: If you don't yet have an emergency fund, now is the time to build one. Aim to save enough money to cover three to six month's expenses, but break this big goal down into smaller milestones – and celebrate each time you reach one.
- Pay down debt: This may seem overwhelming, especially if you have multiple credit cards, student loans, car loans, etc. Start by tackling the debt with the biggest interest rate, and move down the list from there. If needed, enlist the help of a nonprofit credit counseling or student loan counseling agency for one-on-one guidance, an action plan and assistance negotiating with creditors.
- Save for retirement: This is critically important to your financial health, but far too few people are focused on saving for their golden years. If you haven't already done so, evaluate employer-sponsored retirement savings plans, or talk to a financial advisor about individual retirement accounts (IRAs). Commit to saving every month – even if it's a small amount – and work to increase your contribution over time.
- Make it a family affair: Don't go it alone! Enlist the help of family and friends to help you stay focused on your financial goals and priorities. You can also aim to teach your kids a new financial lesson each month, or create savings goals as family.

For more tips on financial resources, credit counseling and student loan repayment, visit Take Charge America.

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 or call (888) 822-9193.

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MUSTANG SPORTS

Mustangs face White Deer and Fritch over Break

BY AUSTIN BYRD

On Thursday, December 29th, the Mustangs travelled to White Deer, Texas, to take on the Bucks. The Mustangs showed more cohesive game play and teamwork against the Bucks than in any other game so far this season. However, it was not enough to overcome the Bucks on their home court.

"We are getting better! I hate that it didn't go our way tonight, but I am really glad to see that we are making progress," said senior Ethan Belfield. The Mustangs held White Deer to a close but ultimately fell short with a final score of 47-52.

The leading scorers for the night were as follows: junior Ty Ivy with twelve points, four rebounds, two steals, and an assist; senior Kenan Staine with eleven points and five rebounds; junior Brady Gable with six points, two rebounds, and three steals; senior Ethan Belfield with three points and five rebounds; sophomore Mason Smith with two points; and senior Alex Eichelmann with one point.

Kenan Staine said, "We did better. I know we still have a lot of work to do and still have a lot to learn, but I really think that we are getting closer to where we need to be."

There would be no rest for the Mustangs as they turned right around and faced the Sanford-Fritch Eagles at home the following day (Dec. 30th). The Mustangs continued to improve in their on-court presence, and they played with energy and tenacity throughout



Ty Ivy was the Mustang's leading scorer in their game against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles on December 30th. photo by Jana Lemons

the game. However, it would fail to give them the victory. In the end, the Mustangs suffered a tough loss against the Eagles with the final score of 27-50.

"They're a really good team, and we made a lot of mistakes tonight.

We are better than we played and we have gotten a lot better over the course of the season, but we made a lot of mistakes tonight and you cannot make that many mistakes when you're playing this good of a team," shared junior Ty Ivy.

The Mustangs will continue to focus on their game play and team work as they prepare for their first district game against the Panhandle Panthers on Friday, January 13th.

Athletes OF THE Week



Ty Ivy

Kenan Staine is the Mustang's athlete of the week. Kenan averaged twelve points and four steals per game last week. "Kenan did a great job on defense causing problems for the other teams with his energy and quickness. He also did a great job contributing on offense, really attacking the basket and creating shots for himself and his teammates," said Coach Vedran Krtalic.

Jaden Hughes

Jaden Hughes is athlete of the week this week. Jaden has been dynamic at the top of the Lady 'Stangs' defense. "She is the tip of the spear! Our opponents have a difficult time getting into their offense due to our defense and that begins with the top," shared Coach Jason Cooper. "Jaden is an extremely hard worker and is leading our team in deflections this season. She has put in a ton of time the past few years improving her game and it is paying off in a big way this season."

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MON., JAN. 9th

Breakfast: Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

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

TUES., JAN. 10th

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

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Tostadas, Spanish Rice, Cucumber, Salsa, Refried Beans, Orange Smiles, & Milk

WED., JAN. 11th

Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Fruit, & Milk

THURS., JAN. 12th

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

Lunch: Frito Pie, Baby Carrots, Corn, Salsa, Sliced Peaches, Cookie, & Milk

FRI., JAN. 13th

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

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Texas Toast, Coleslaw, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple, & Milk

CHS Alumni visits Claude Elementary



Jake Byrd salutes his buddy, Buster Ivy, who paid a visit to Claude Elementary during his time home on leave. photo courtesy of Marlo Byrd

Class of 2016 Claude High School graduate Buster Ivy had the opportunity to come home to Claude for the holidays. While he was in town, Buster not only spent time visiting with his family and friends, but he also made some special time to visit some of his special buddies at the Claude Elementary School too.

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Pasture management program set for February 17 in Overton

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold an East Texas Pasture Management Program Feb. 17 in Overton.

The program begins with registration at 12:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M

AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1710 N. Farm-to-Market Road 3053.

Cost is \$25 per person if preregistered by Feb. 15 or \$35 the day of the event. Register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> or call AgriLife Extension Conference Services at 979-845-2604.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator continuing education units including one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general will be available.

“One advantage to this program is that it provides five CEUs for a half-day course,” said



Vanessa Corriher-Olson, AgriLife Extension forage specialist in Overton.

“And there is some pertinent information regarding pesticide use, especially for pastures and hay production.”

Topics and speakers include:

– Does storage of pesticides impact efficacy? and How to properly dispose of empty containers and old pesticides – Dr. Jason Banta, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton.

A compact disc with herbicide price comparison information updated for 2017 will be provided to help attendees make more economical choices when it comes to selecting herbicides, Corriher-Olson said.

– Adjuvants for pesticide use – Matocha.

– Using herbicides under trees: Is it possible?

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Texas ranked second in the nation for U.S. relocation activity in 2015

**Texas Association of REALTORS® releases
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Jan 4, 2017 – AUSTIN, Texas – Texas ranked second in the nation for relocation activity in 2015, according to the Texas Relocation Report released today by the Texas Association of REALTORS®. Analyzing statewide and national migration data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the report showed that Texas continues to be a high-demand destination for U.S. residents relocating across the country.

"The diverse job opportunities and high quality of life in Texas continues to drive in-state and out-of-state migration to Texas cities and counties, both big and small," said Vicki Fullerton, 2017 chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors. "This is the third consecutive year that Texas has gained more than 500,000 new residents from out of state."

According to the report, Texas experienced a net gain of out-of-state residents in 2015, with 107,689 more people moving to Texas than Texas residents moving out of state. This is a 4 percent increase in the net gain of Texas residents from 2014 (103,465 residents).

The total number of residents moving to Texas

from out of state in 2015 increased 2.8 percent year-over-year to 553,032 incoming residents. The highest number of new Texans came from California (65,546), followed by Florida (33,670), Louisiana (31,044), New York (26,287) and Oklahoma (25,555).

Texas once again ranked third in the nation for number of residents moving out of state (445,343) in 2015. The most popular out-of-state relocation destinations for Texans were California (41,713), Florida (29,706), Oklahoma (28,642), Colorado (25,268), and Louisiana (19,863).

This is the first Texas Relocation Report to feature comparative relocation data by Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim and New York-Newark-Jersey City recorded the highest number of resident migrations to Texas in 2015. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington recorded the highest number of incoming residents from out-of-state (117,982), followed by the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugarland (101,604) and Austin-



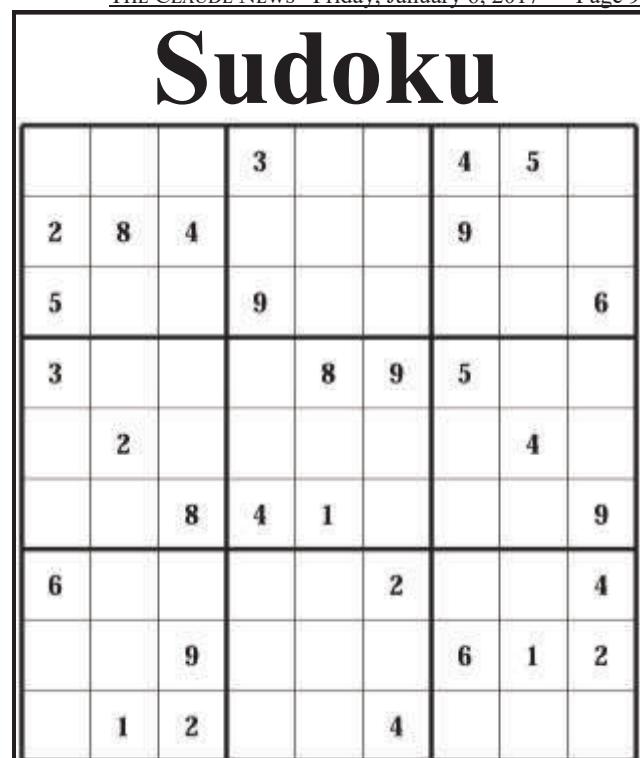
Round Rock (46,598).

At the county level, Harris County led the state with a net gain of 18,945 residents relocating to the county from out of state, but four of the top 10 counties with the highest net gain of residents from out of state were located in North Texas (Dallas, Tarrant, Collin and Denton counties).

Fullerton concluded, "As thousands more people choose Texas to further their careers, grow their businesses and raise their families each year, the need for initiatives that protect our state's affordability, mobility and economy becomes increasingly critical. In the upcoming legislative session, Texas REALTORS® will be actively advocating for sustainable, long-term policies that will support our

state's enduring population growth."

About the Texas Relocation Report: The Texas Relocation Report is based on data from the 2015 American Community Survey and the 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau as well as the U-Haul 2015 National Migration Trend Reports. The report analyzes county relocation data for the 43 largest demographic areas in Texas. The Texas Association of REALTORS® distributes insights about the Texas housing market each month, including quarterly market statistics, trends among home buyers and sellers, luxury home sales, international trends, and more. To view the Texas Relocation Report in its entirety, visit TexasRealEstate.com.



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POLAR BEARS

Big and white, fluffy and fury, these are adjectives that describe a polar bear! Can you think of other adjectives that would describe this animal?



Polar Bear Fur Is NOT White!

Each hair shaft is transparent with a hollow core that scatters and reflects visible light, much like what happens with ice and snow, giving it a bright white appearance.

How Polar Bears Stay Warm

Polar bears live on ice near the North Pole in the Arctic, which is covered in ice and surrounded by very cold water. But that doesn't bother a polar bear

In each box, write the letter that comes before the letter at the bottom of each box to find a couple of cool ways these fluffy fellows stay warm.



Polar Bear Paws

Polar bear paws can grow to be 12 inches across (31 centimeters) and help distribute weight when treading on thin ice.

When swimming, their broad forepaws act like large paddles and the hind paws serve as rudders for steering.

Black footpads on the bottom of each paw are covered by small, soft bumps known as papillae. Papillae grip the ice and keep the bear from slipping. Tufts of fur between their toes and footpads may help with purchase as well as can their claws.



What's another name for a polar bear's layer of fat? The letters along the correct ice path reveal the answer.

Extra! Extra!

Verbs and Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and find five **adjectives** that describe a polar bear. Then find five **verbs** that describe how a polar bear moves. Write one or more sentences about a polar bear using your adjectives and verbs.

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

Write the answer here: **L** **E**

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Polar Bear True or False

These statements are either all true or all false. Check your answers by adding up the numbers next to each of your answers. If the total is 33, you've got it right!

Polar bear cubs are called cubs. TRUE (10) FALSE (8)

Polar bear cubs are born without hair and are blind and deaf. TRUE (16) FALSE (7)

A polar bear's nose can smell a seal on the ice 20 miles away! TRUE (5) FALSE (9)

Polar bear skin is black. TRUE (2) FALSE (12)

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together

Life of a Polar Bear Cub

This little cub has taken some of the words out of this article. Can you find where each one belongs? Have a parent check your work.

FUR CAVE WIND SPACE SURVIVE DUG MONTHS POUND

A polar bear starts its life in a den or ice _____ that its mother _____ into the snow. The den protects the mother and the cubs from _____ cold and predators. The den stays warm inside as heat from the mother bear warms the tight _____ and the frozen walls trap the warm air.

double Double Word Search

REFLECTS	C P O E S N E D L S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Flexical spelling patterns.

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News Article Mix-Up

Cut out an article from the newspaper. Cut the article into four pieces. Give the pieces to a friend to see if he or she can put the article back together in the right order.

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

Write On!

Bears: Fact and Opinion

Write at least two facts and two opinions about bears.

ARCTIC

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Movies and books sometimes show polar bears and penguins together. But they actually live on opposite ends of the earth. Polar bears only live in the Arctic and penguins live in the Antarctic.

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Fri. Nov. 18th	W 79-45	Boys Ranch	HOME
Tue. Nov. 22nd	W 67-44	Silverton	AWAY
Tue. Nov. 29th	W 61-33	Spearman	AWAY
Th.-Sat. Dec. 1st-3rd	W 4-0 L	North Plains Tourney	HOME
Tue. Dec. 6th	W 90-35	Shamrock	AWAY
Th.-Sat. Dec. 8th-10th	W 4-0 L	West Texas Tourney	AWAY
Tue. Dec. 13th	W 64-21	Tulia	AWAY
Fri. Dec. 16th	W 74-26	Highland Park	HOME
Th.-Sat. Dec. 28th-30th	W 4-0 L	Gruver Tourney	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 6th	6:30p	Wellington*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 10th	6:30p	Memphis*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 13th	6:30p	Panhandle*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 17th	6:30p	Wheeler*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 20th	6:30p	Clarendon*	HOME
Tue. Jan. 24th	6:30p	Wellington*	AWAY
Fri. Jan. 27th	6:30p	Memphis*	HOME
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