

If you Love it, Click It! Make sure all Passengers are always Buckled Up!

SUBMITTED BY
BILLIE PEDEN
 TX AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENT

Valentine's Day is coming, and it is a good time to show your love by making sure that before you start your vehicle, all passengers — big and small — are always buckled up correctly. Taking those few seconds to buckle your children into their

car seats, and making sure older children and adults are buckled up, is the most crucial step you can take to protect those you love in a crash. Those few seconds can save your family and friends from having to go through a needless tragedy.

Fortunately, most Texans now buckle up, but some groups of motorists

continue not taking the message to heart by not consistently using their seat belts. And, unfortunately, most children are not correctly restrained in a car seat. Use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make sure all of your passengers are safely buckled up, and if you know someone who doesn't wear their seat belt, use Valentine's Day to remind them!

Here are some interesting things you may not know about buckling up that could help keep your Valentine safe:

Most crashes happen close to home. Therefore,

buckling up is important on every trip — not just on long highway trips. Going around the corner to the grocery store is not an excuse to take a chance on not buckling up. In fact, most children are killed close to home.

Children should ride in the back seat until they reach the age of 13. Until a child reaches age 13, their bones are not fully developed. They do not have a mature skeleton that can take the forces of the most common type of car crash, which is a frontal crash. Placing a child whose bones are not yet strong

enough in the front seat, where there is the windshield, dashboard, and air bags, puts them at greater risk of injury or death during a crash.

Pickup trucks, while big and strong, are twice as likely to rollover in a crash due to their higher center of gravity. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of dying in a crash up to 60 percent in a pickup truck. Sadly, the seat belt use rate for pickup truck drivers and passengers is lower than in passenger vehicles. It is important to always make sure that the driver and every passenger in a pickup truck is buckled up.

Buckling up is not just for the daytime. Between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. is when more crashes and fatalities happen. Crash stats from the Texas Department of Transportation show that the majority (57 percent) of fatal crashes in Texas happen at night. In 2017, of all Texas crashes in which people died and weren't wearing a seat belt, 57 percent occurred at night. It

is important to wear your seat belt, day and night, to be protected in the event of a crash.

Unbuckled passengers are also dangerous to others in the vehicle. In the event of a crash, the unbuckled passenger becomes a large projectile flying around the vehicle, who can injure or kill other occupants in the vehicle — including those who are buckled up!

In 2016 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 14,668 lives and could have saved an additional 2,456 people if they had been wearing a seat belt. That's why Billie Peden, Family and Community Health Educator in Armstrong County, is urging you this Valentine's Day to make sure all of those you love are safely buckled up every time, on every trip! Remember: If you love it, click it!

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UIL Ensemble Contests



The CHS Brass Ensemble is on its way to State Competition. photo courtesy of Claude ISD

BY AMANDA HERNANDEZ
 STUDENT REPORTER

Claude's band director, Shelly Thornton, always works hard to make sure her band members are successful. This includes taking her students to competitions. One of the UIL competitions available is Solo and Ensemble Contest, a event where an individual or small group practices a song to perform in front of three judges. If they receive a first division, they advance to the state competition.

Claude's high school brass ensemble qualified for state. The group is made up of these people: Millie Gra-

ham, McKay Wilkerson, Zachary Moreno, Aiden White, Angelina Stanghellini, and Sadie Ray. They played the piece The Earle of Oxford's Marche that is composed by William Byrd.

McKay Wilkerson, a senior drum major who qualified for state last year, was ecstatic to qualify once more. "I'm so excited to be a state qualifier for another year. It's my last time and this group is so fun to work with. We get so much done in a short amount of time. None of this would be possible without Mrs. Thornton and everything she's done for us."

Zachary Moreno, a sophomore, was new to this competition. However, he felt "accomplished when Mrs. Thornton announced that we got a first division. It is nice to know that hard work eventually pays off."

Claude's junior high also brought home twenty-one first division medals for Mrs. Thornton and the community. Being in junior high means they will not be able to advance to state, but the competitors learned the importance of music and practicing. This way, they will hopefully try again in the following years to advance to state.

Mrs. Thornton and the ensemble will travel to Austin in June to compete at state levels.

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Lady 'Stangs Head to Post Season

BY ALYSSA HIGGS
STUDENT REPORTERS

The Claude girls varsity basketball team played their last game against the Groom Tigers. This game determined their placing in district, which is important when it comes to the play-offs.

On February the 5th, the Lady 'Stangs traveled to Groom, hoping to come up victorious. After losing by one point the previous time the 'Stangs played Groom, the varsity girls were ready to win. They were successful.

The first quarter was fast and furious. Claude started strong, scoring seventeen points.

During the second quarter, the Lady 'Stangs scored another eight points. The third quarter was even more beneficial to the 'Stangs, who scored

another whopping eleven points.

The final score was 44-33 in Claude's favor. The top scorer was sophomore Lanie Stapp with twelve points. Another sophomore, Aubrie Brannon, scored eleven points. Seniors Shiloh Heck and Kaylee Jackson both had eight.

The girls also played Roby after securing their spot in the playoffs. They met for a scrimmage in Jayton, TX. They lost 51-42 but were able to earn experience of playing another playoff qualifying team.

The Lady Mustangs will advance to the play-offs. They will hope to continue on to the state championship. Make sure to go support your varsity basketball girls!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CLAUDE WOMEN'S BRUNCH - Sat. Feb. 16th, 10:00 a.m., hosted by First Baptist Church, All women in the Armstrong County Community are welcome to attend

PRESIDENT'S DAY - Mon. Feb. 18th, ALL DAY, Banks & Post Office will be Closed

CISD NO SCHOOL - Mon. Feb. 18th, ALL DAY, Claude Independent School District

SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL - Mon. Mar. 11th thru Fri. Mar. 15th, ALL DAY, Claude Independent School District/WEE School

COMMISSIONERS COURT - Mon. Mar. 11th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

CLAUDE CITY COUNCIL - Mon. Mar. 11th, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

CISD EARLY DISMISSAL - Thurs. Apr. 18th, Claude Independent School District, Don't forget to pickup your kids!

CISD NO SCHOOL - Fri. Apr. 19th, ALL DAY, Claude Independent School District, *Unless we have a snow day

EASTER - Sun. Apr. 21st, ALL DAY

CLAUDE CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE - Sat. May 4th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Maps will be located around town

MOTHER'S DAY - Sun. May 12th, ALL DAY, Let mom know how much you love and appreciate her!

CISD EARLY DISMISSAL - Thurs. May 23rd, Claude Independent School District, Don't forget to pickup your kids!

CHS GRADUATION - Fri. May 24th, Claude Independent School District

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Carson County Farm Bureau in conjunction with Texas Farm Bureau work to be the Voice of Agriculture while informing the public and students of the sources of their food, fiber and fuel. Each year, Carson County sponsors an Ag Day for Carson and Armstrong County fourth grade students which features various areas of agriculture and how it is done. Live animals, demonstrations and displays are on hand for the students. Many local organizations and businesses participate with demonstrations as well. This year, Carson-Armstrong Farm Bureau is adding a Community Ag Day following the students. This will feature many of the same earlier displays as well as free hamburgers and hot dogs. Farm Bureau member or not, everyone is invited to come and enjoy some free food and see what Ag is doing to educate and inform.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 16th

Cale Maxfield
Esmerelda Andaverdi
Natasha Haynes
Jim Wood

Andrei Rawlins
Leslie Wilkerson

February 20th

Mary Jane Campbell
Dwayne Holt
Heath Wood

February 17th

February 18th

B.J. Shipp
Coby Whittington
Raine Stanley
Jimmy Jackson
Shane Rieken

February 21st

Jenna Cooper
Lane Oles
Jerre Pepper
Breia Voyles

February 22nd

Carri Hardin
Edward D. McGee
M/M Carl Lansbury

February 19th

James Beckham
Janet Bilyeu
Makalie Garcia
Amber Hand

Athletes OF THE Week



DANIELLE HIGGS & MATTIE KATE LOVELL

Our athlete of the week for this week is our two managers, Danielle Higgs and Mattie Kate Lovell. While these two seniors don't play on the team they are always there for our Lady Stangs

and our coaches. They ensure we always have water, they keep the books and statistics at each and every game and more importantly they are both a sounding board for me during the games. Both, Danielle, and M.K. are exceptional young ladies and are true Lady Stangs!

MICHAEL EVANS

Michael Evans is the athlete of the week. All season Michael has been a roll player for us, providing a break for some of the guys who are on the floor. Not once did Michael question his roll, instead fulfilling it to the best of his ability. He was always aggressive in trying to get to the basket and make things happen. Lastly, Mike spent as much time as anyone outside of practice trying to make himself better. He definitely showed the maturity of a senior in many regards.



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School Lunch MENU

MON., FEBRUARY 18TH

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TUES., FEBRUARY 19TH

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Lunch: Taquitos & Queso, Pinto Beans, Corn, Fruit, & Milk

WED., FEBRUARY 20TH

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

Lunch: Hamburger, Cucumber, Baby Carrots, Cookie, Applesauce, & Milk

THUR., FEBRUARY 21ST

Breakfast: Pancake Wrap*, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, & Milk

FRI., FEBRUARY 22ND

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

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

*Substitute Item will be Served to PreK

From the Mayor's Desk: A Note from Bill Wood

Claude City Council held their regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Those in attendance were Mayor Bill Wood, Councilmen: Jay Morris, Twila Baldwin, Jim Cabbell, Joe Minkley, Dan Parks, and interim City secretary Howard Heath. Visitors present were Jerry and Lisa Howell, Fire Chief Dwayne Holt, Linda Shipp, Dick Gravely, Shay Hand, Tessa Morrow, Lori Baggett, Tessa Waddell, and Keith Lowry.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Invocation was given by Mayor Wood. Tessa Morrow spoke during public comment concerning the existing water well at the Legion Grounds with water rights belonging to the City. There were no other public comments.

On a motion by Jim Cabbell, second by J. Morris, minutes were approved for the regular meeting on January 14, 2019. After review of the bills it was ordered that they be paid. Superintendent Miller gave a report on the City Public Works and Utilities. H. Heath reported on the EMS. T. Baldwin presented an update on the "Welcome to Claude" sign. J. Minkley reported on the park playground project

and the operations and activities of the Claude EDC.

There was no old business to discuss or act upon. Under new business there was a motion by T. Baldwin, second by J. Cabbell to order the City election and to appoint Kathy Miller as election judge. Motion was approved.

The Council approved the re-appointment of Joe Minkley, Steve Sherrill, Keith Lowry, and Liz Kendall to a two year term on the Claude EDC. Karen Brown, Bill Forbes, and Mile Crowell have another year on their term with the board. The budget for the Claude EDC for FY 2019-2020 was presented and approved.

The City Council discussed the swimming pool, operations and needs for the upcoming year. The rates will remain the same as 2018. We will be posting for all positions in the paper and on the City of Claude Facebook page along with our website in the coming week.

The Council adopted Resolution Number 339 regarding the approval of the 2019 updated Armstrong County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The job responsibilities for City Secretary, EMS Administrator, and assistant City Secretary were presented to the City Council and approved. The City Council

held a budget workshop regarding the FY 2019/2020 budget year. No action was taken.

On a motion by J. Minkley, second by T. Baldwin, the following dates were set for budget hearings for the 2019-20 budget years. The dates will be February 26, 2019 at 8:00 am and March 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

City Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Executive Session began at 7:24 pm. The City Council came out of Executive Session at 8:00pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by J. Morris and second by C. Parks to offer the position of Assistant City Secretary to Charyssa Wookcook. Motion carried with 5 ayes. We are proud to say that Charyssa has accepted the position and will be coming to join us as soon as possible. We are looking forward to working with her. She is coming to us from Clarendon College where she has been employed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 pm and carried with 5 ayes.

We would truly like to thank you for your support. Many good things have happened over the last two years for the city and there will always be many more things that need to happen. It would be great to say there are never any setbacks, but that is life. We will always work and strive to make Claude the best we can.

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Mustangs End on a Win!

BY SYDNEY KNOX
STUDENT REPORTER

The Mustangs ended their season with a big WIN against the LeFores Pirates. Blowing them out 87-35. It was a great way to end their season. Senior, Mason Smith commented, "Paing basketball for the last time as a Mustang was really hard. But I am really proud of how far our team has come and what they will continue to do. I have felt privileged and honored by all of the opportunities that being a Mustang has brought me."

The seniors had a very bittersweet night as they ended their last season, Logan Campbell reflected on his season with this

note, "It was great to end the last game off on a high note. I will miss the team, but I will take the lessons I learned from Coach Black with me."

Overall, the Mustangs have improved tremendously going back to the basics and basically starting from scratch. The senior boys will be greatly missed, but the Mustang Basketball has high hopes for the next year. As the boys, transition to track and baseball they will need the continued support of the community.

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STAR STUDENTS

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CAMEE MADDOX

Mrs. Adams', 1st Gr

Thank you for being such a sweet student. I love having you in my class.



LUKAYCEE DEBORD

Mrs. Moffett's, 3rd Gr

She picked up someone else's trash in the cafeteria.



TILLY O'DELL

Mrs. Adams', 1st Gr

Thank you for working so hard this week and being such a good student.



MASON TREADWAY

Mrs. DeBord's, 6th Gr

Mason is always helping out around the classroom and he notices when something needs to be done. I never have to ask him, he just does it. I appreciate him doing those small things for me!

Senior Spotlight



As the city of Claude moves closer and closer to graduation, The Claude News continues their Senior Spotlight series by honoring Shiloh Heck. Shiloh and her family have lived in Claude for 18n years. Shiloh loves Mexican food, Christian music, the color turquoise and her favorite teacher was also her sister, Shenee Bichsel.

After graduation Shiloh plans on attending college. While attending school Shiloh has been involved in student council, basketball, tennis, cross country, NHS, yearbook, snak pak 4 kids, youth advisory board and class officer. Shiloh says her favorite memory from high school is "going to state in basketball."

In her free time Shiloh likes to spend time with her nieces and nephews, to which she has 8 of. "My sister, Shenee, is my role model." Shiloh shares. "She is so loving and caring. I love watching how she loves God and is obedient to Him." Shiloh loves Claude but her favorite thing is "how close the community is and how you are able to know everyone." Shiloh has been a tremendous leader for Claude and an excellent role model to young girls. She will be missed.

Shiloh Heck



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VALENTINE'S DAY

Trumpeter Swans

Challenge a friend to see who can find the most hearts on this page!


Real Love Birds
Trumpeter swans make for a LOVELY topic for a Valentine's Day page! Trumpeter swans pair up and stay together for life.



Heart-to-Heart Art
A pair of trumpeter swans form a heart shape when they nuzzle beak-to-beak. Connect the hearts to draw a trumpeter swan.



Flying Fact Maze
In order to take off, how many feet of water does a trumpeter swan need? Add the numbers on the correct path to the center of the heart to get the answer.



Replace the missing words.

PLANTS BILLS DIVE
SEEDS UPROOT

Trumpeters _____ underwater to eat plants. Their broad, flat _____ have tiny tooth-like notches along the edges to help them strain aquatic _____ from water as they feed.

The birds' long necks and strong feet allow them to _____ plants in water up to 4 feet deep.

These birds eat the leaves, _____ and roots of many kinds of pond weeds.

Large and Lovely
Trumpeter swans are the largest native waterfowl in North America. Do the math to find out how big they are:

An adult swan can grow to be 25 - 21 = _____ feet tall.
(Are you taller than a trumpeter swan?)

A trumpeter swan's wingspan is about 21 - 14 = _____ feet wide.

A trumpeter swan weighs about 7 + 7 + 7 = _____ to 42 - 12 = _____ pounds.

Trumpeter Swan Secret Code

● = B ✕ = E ◼ = N ◻ = P ▼ = U
 ◼ = C ◻ = G ★ = O ✓ = T ▲ = Y

A male swan is called a:

A female swan is called a:

A young swan is called a:

Extra! Extra! Measure Up!
Locate a photograph in the newspaper and make a list of the people, animals or things in the image. Measure each one in inches and in centimeters. Label each with the measurements.

Standards Link: Research Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many hearts can you find?



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

UNDERWATER TRUMPETER WINGSPAN FEATHERS NOTCHES AQUATIC HEARTS SWANS WATER WHITE BILLS NECKS PAIR STAY EAT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

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

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Nouns and Nouns

Look through the newspaper for five singular nouns. Write them in a list on a piece of paper. Next to each noun, tell if it is a person, place or thing. Then next to that, write each noun in its plural form.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Students recognize nouns.

Write On!

Valentine Surprise

Make up a story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise? Use five or more adjectives in your story.

Standards Link: Research Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Together:

Fact and Opinion

The swans have long necks.

Trumpeter swans have white feathers and black bills.

These are all FACTS about trumpeter swans.

Can you write three opinions about them? (Remember, a fact is something that can be seen or proven true. An opinion is how a person feels about something.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Kid Scoop FACT CHECKER

Some people say that a swan sings a song when it dies. That led to the term "swan song" meaning a person's last action before retiring or dying. But is this TRUE or FALSE? Hold the Fact Checker up to a mirror to find out.

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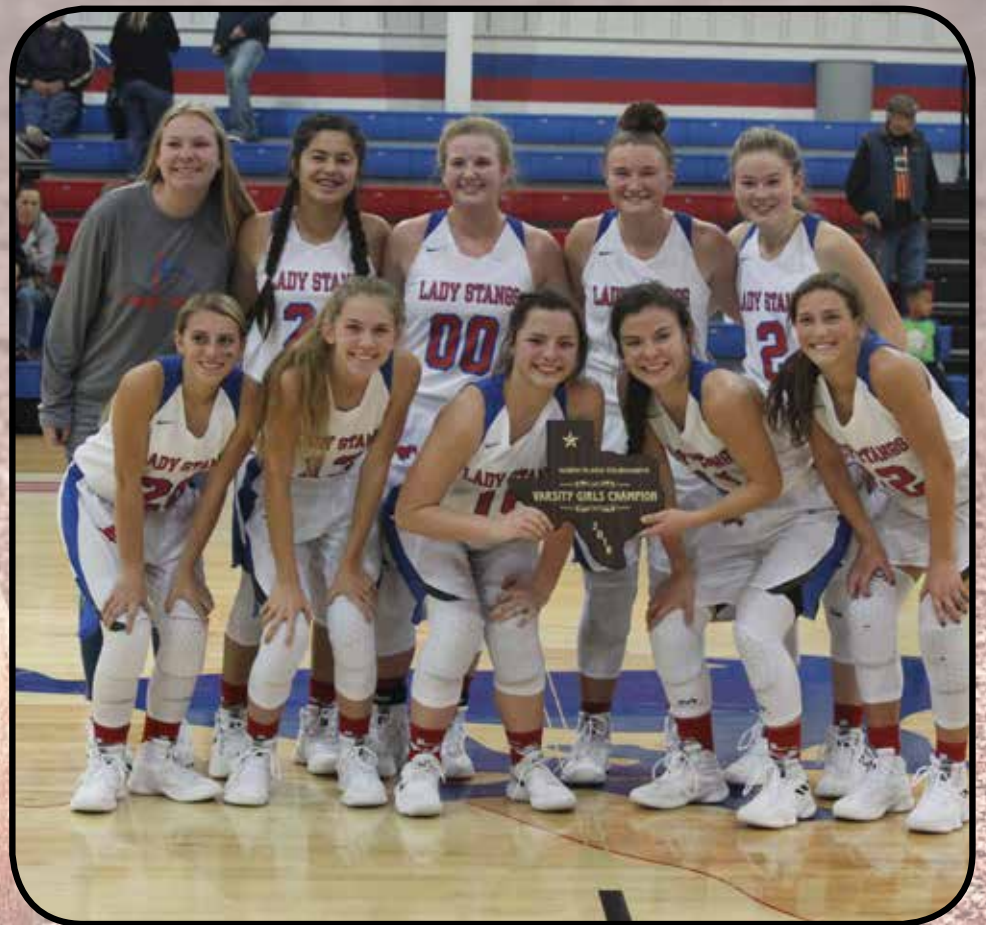
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