

# NEWSLETTER

March, 2021

## SM Choir Hits State Contest



### District Vocal Contest

By: Gracie Mabra

The district music contest took place in Enid at 10:41 AM to 11:05 AM.

The high school choir and the junior high choir. Marita Reichenberger conducted the choir so a **BIG THANKS** goes to her for professionalism to make us better for the future. She has done an incredible job with us. THE

FIRST TIME IN TROJANS HISTORY, THE 7-12 GRADE MADE IT TO STATE. Each choir received a 1 and a 3 in sight reading. The choirs consist of Megan Spray, Kaden Spray, Garret Stocking, Conner Thompson, Destinie Thompson, Austin Miller, Austin Baird, Emery Keene, Raelyn Syms, Gracie Mabra, Trinity Mabra, Bryson Farrel, Landon Dahl, Mario Jacques, Hanna Chapman, Emma Chapman, Jamie Highfill, Cashlyn Spencer, Kinley McGowan, Kallie Harris, Laney Marlatt, Zoey Coberly , Dakota Walker, Taylor Thompson, Isaiah Mitchell Zander Chester. The managers Leo Johnson, Teagan Marlatt, Patrick Wheeler. And a big thank you to Terri Hopper.

## Who is Saint Patrick

By Laney Marlatt

St. Patrick was a 5th-century missionary to Ireland and later served as bishop there. He is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland and was probably partly responsible for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. He is one of the patron saints of Ireland. Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of

Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigit of Kildare and Columba. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 AD to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. This is a picture of Saint



Patrick.

## Why People Like Four Leaf Clovers

By Yandi Casio

**Four leaf clovers, or lucky clover is an uncommon variation of the three leafed clover, and is usually a symbol of good luck. Because they are mutation, they are rare and are not found in the same abundance as the shamrock and are considered lucky. There are approximately 10,000 three leaf clovers for every lucky four leaf clover. The leaves on the four leaf clover are said to stand for faith, hope, love, and luck. It's often said that Ireland is home to more four leaf clovers than any other place, giving meaning to the phrase "The luck of the Irish"**



## **St.Patrick's Day**

By:Gracie Mabra

On St. Patrick's Day, it is known that if you don't wear green you will get pinched. The reason behind that is actually leprechauns. Ancient folklore

says that leprechauns like to pinch people on St. Patrick's Day but if you wear green that makes you invisible to leprechauns.



## Track

By: Taylor Thompson

*This year's 2021 Junior High Track Schedule **March 29 at Sweetwater, April 5 at Okeene, April 12 at Laverne, and April 19 Turpin.** We can't wait for this track season to arrive. Coach Shyrock will be putting us girls and boys in wonderful shapes to go out there and do our best.*

## Newspaper

By TAYLOR THOMPSON

During Newspaper class, we brainstorm ideas of what we want to write about. We come up with different ideas to write about for each month. Not only do we brainstorm ideas but we have lots of fun in this class. Newspaper is only on Thursday and we only have it for 30 minutes. Here is a picture of our wonderful class with Santa of course. Left to right we have: Mickala Smith, Zoey

Coberley, Destinie Thompson, Raelyn Syms, Cashlyn Spencer, Cody Vassar, and Ryan Boulware. On the bottom row left to right Gracie Mabra, Taylor Thompson and Laney Marlatt.

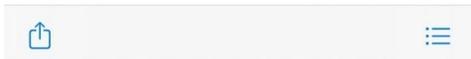


## Softball Schedule

By: Taylor and Laney

This year's Softball schedule is up and going once again. So you can mark your calendars and come watch the Lady Trojans and the Lady Panthers to cheer us on.

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2021 SLOW PITCH				
DATE	TEAM	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION
March 8th	Hammon/Olustee	4:30	HS	Hammon
March 22nd				
March 23rd	Selling	4:30	JHHS	Selling
March 25th/27	Cimarron Tournament	TBA	HS	Cimarron
March 26th	Okeene	4:30	JHHS	Okeene
March 29th	Drummond/Ringwood	4:30	HS	Drummond
March 30th	Buffalo	4:30	JHHS	Buffalo
April 1st	Granite	4:30	JHHS	Taloga
April 2nd	Thomas	2:00	JHHS	Thomas
April 5th	Cimarron	4:30	JHHS	Cimarron
April 6th	Fargo/Ft Supply	4:30	JHHS	Fargo
April 8th	Fargo/Ft Supply	4:30	JHHS	Sharon
April 8th	Hammon Tournament	TBA	HS	Hammon (Not confirmed)
April 9th/10th	Ringwood Tournament	TBA	JH	Ringwood
April 12th	Selling	4:30	JHHS	Taloga
April 15th	Hammon	4:30	JH	Hammon
April 20th	Cimarron	4:30	JHHS	Taloga



# What Does Mardi Gras Really Mean?

By: Emma-lea Chapman

Mardi Gras is a french word that means “ Fat Tuesday.” Mardi Gras is a Christian tradition. Mardi Gras really is celebrated on February 16, which is a celebration made of parades and parties to celebrate the Christian lent season, which is celebrated in New Orleans. This holiday is supposed to celebrate Jesus but so many people have perverted the holiday to which all the people don't really celebrate Jesus, they just throw a party for fun.



## Stock Shows

By Cody Vassar and Destinie Thomson

Pig shows are one of the easiest shows. Most people think they are dirtier and harder to take care of but they're one of the easiest. Sure, they may be messier but if it's your first time showing then that may be a good starting animal.



Heifer shows are one of the many things that you can show in agriculture. Heifers have many different breeds that you can show.



# ***Kings Cake***



*King Cake involves a pastry, a small plastic baby ( which represents Jesus ), and a party. The King Cake is baked with a small plastic baby hidden inside, the person who gets the slice with the baby in it has to host the next party.*

*The King Cake is thought to have started in France, where the original King Cake was named after the three kings of the Bible that visited the baby Jesus on the 12th night of Christmas, January 6th.*

*In France, the cake is made of puff pastry and frangipane (almond cream). It's still an incredibly popular dessert there, served throughout the month of January, closely associated with the religious feast of the Epiphany. A local bakery in France can sell up to 1,500 cakes in the month of January alone!*

*By the time the tradition came to New Orleans from French immigrants in the 18th century, it had morphed into an enriched brioche bread cake.*

*Bakeries in New Orleans started selling them for Carnival season, which began at the end of January 6th and went through Ash Wednesday (six weeks before Easter and the beginning of Lent). By the 20th century the tradition took off and king cakes were all over New Orleans.*

## ***Here are two ways to bake a King Cake***

[\*King Cake Recipe | SimplyRecipes.com\*](#)

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### What do Mardi Gras Colors Represent?

The Mardi Gras colors are purple, gold and green but what do they mean? The Symbolism of Colors gave these colors meaning in 1892. Purple represents justice, green represents faith, and gold represents power.

The exact origin of the official Mardi Gras colors has been lost to history, but tradition holds that visiting Grand Duke Alexei Alexandrovich of Russia was given the honor of choosing the colors in 1872 when he toured the United States. New Orleans was struggling to get back on its feet after the Civil War, so city officials saw an opportunity to capitalize on the Grand Duke's visit by entertaining the visiting royal while attracting crowds to the city. Even if the Grand Duke did actually choose the official Mardi Gras colors, it is doubtful that any special meaning was initially assigned to the colors. More than likely, the colors were picked because they created a visually appealing combination. In any case, the colors' meanings were not formally revealed until 20 years after the Grand Duke's visit with the 1892 "Symbolism of Colors" parade theme.

### Purple - Justice

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Purple, which symbolizes justice in the Mardi Gras color scheme, is also a highly symbolic color in Catholicism. Not only does it represent Christ's passion and suffering before his crucifixion, it alludes to his royal position in the kingdom of heaven. Purple is the liturgical color for the Lenten season and appears on priests' vestments and church banners throughout Lent.

## Green - Faith

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Green is considered a holy color in many religious traditions. In Catholicism, green is the liturgical color for the time between Epiphany and the beginning of Lent and symbolizes renewal and the belief that the faithful will be rewarded with everlasting life through Christ.

## Gold - Power

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Aside from its obvious monetary connotation, gold has special meaning within the Catholic church. Gold is reserved for high holy days such as Easter and Christmas because of its celebratory brightness and as a reminder of God's presence.

<https://ourpastimes.com/what-are-the-colors-of-mardi-gras-12531241.html>

# Powerlifting

By Laney Marlatt

The boys went to Snyder for a powerlifting it was the 8-man state. Congratulations to the Sharon-Mutual powerlifting team! 3 players medaled. Marcus Cook 3rd and Jordan Benites 5th in the 198# division. Garret Stocking 3rd in the 242# division. Other team members

participating: Conner Thompson, Austin Miller, Tabor Marlatt, Lane Spencer, Kadya Covey, Austin Baird and Isaiah Mitchell. Many lifters PR'd at this meet as well!





Here are the JH powerlifting people that made it to state. Congratulations to the following junior high students for qualifying for state powerlifting in each of their respective weight classes: Austin Baird 1st, JD Sessoms 1st, Carson Groff 2nd, Isaiah Sessoms 3rd.



Great work!

Here are the high school boys at regionals.

Congratulations to Sharon-Mutual HS powerlifting state qualifiers! 181# 4th place: Conner Thompson 220# 4th place: Garret Stocking 242# 4th place: Varian Angulo!

They will lift in El Reno next Saturday!!



*Jazz in New Orleans*  
*By: Zoey Coberley*



*Jazz started sometime before the 1900's. Jazz is really popular in New Orleans. Jazz became a thing in the 1920's. New Orleans has festivals, foods, and Jazz music to celebrate jazz. There are many places to listen to jazz in New Orleans.*

## *Oklahoma has 13 Seasons and not 4 Seasons*

*By Zoey Coberley*



*The 13 seasons of Oklahoma are shown in the picture. Oklahoma has unpredictable weather. The weather can be really cold one day and really hot another.*

## **Softball**

BY:TAYLOR THOMPSON

This year's Softball team for Junior High there is Triniti Mabra, Emery Keene, Taylor Thompson, Laney Marlatt, Cashlyn Spencer, Emma Chapman, Gracie Mabra, Realyn Sysms, and Yandi Casio. We will be co-oping with Taloga Panthers which are Ashley, Kindle, Jasmine and more. We are excited to start this season with so much laughter and fun.

## FAT TUESDAY BY ***RYAN BOULWARE***

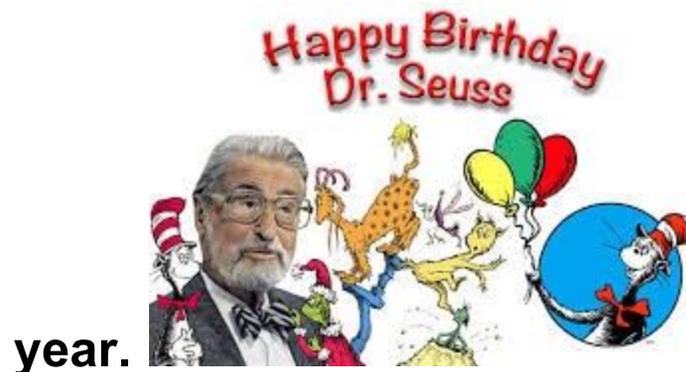
Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is known as Shrove Tuesday. It's called Fat Tuesday because it's the last day that many people eat meat and fatty

foods before Lent begins. Today, Mardi Gras season in New Orleans is a time of merry-making and festivity.

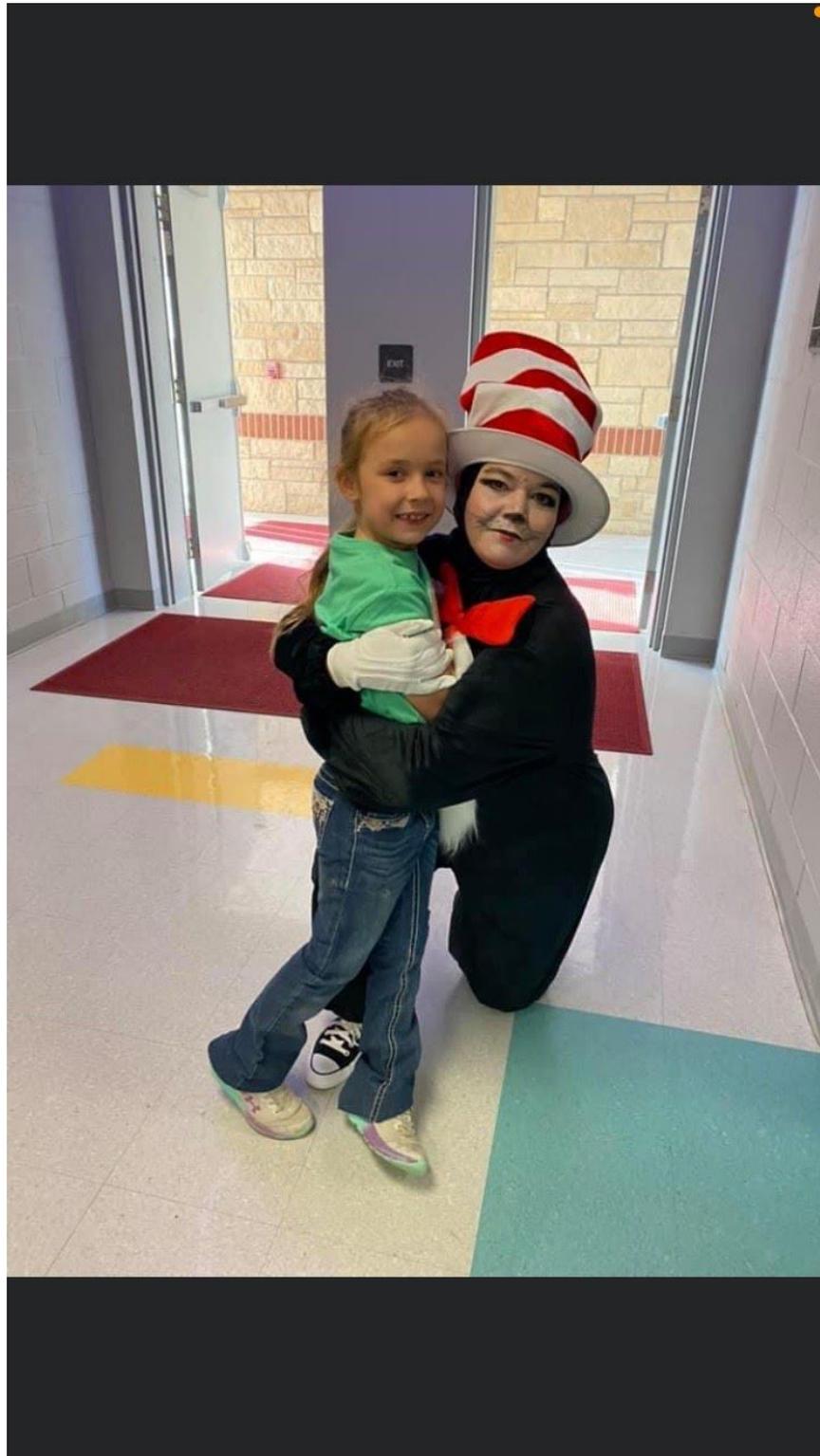
# Dr. Seuss Week

By Laney Marlatt

**This month is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Here is the dress up for this week. Mondays wear as many colors you can or tie-dye. Tuesday is dressed up as a character from Cat and a Hat. Wednesday is Picture Day so dress up nice. Thursday is wear Green for green eggs and ham. Dr. Seuss will be 117 this**







OYE

By Laney Marlatt

This month is OYE we have some Sharon-Mutual kids showing. What do OYE stand for? Recently, this show, which is commonly referred to as the “Youth Expo” and billed as the World’s Largest Junior Livestock Show, is operated by Oklahoma Youth Exposition, Inc. (OYE), an Oklahoma City-based not-for-profit corporation. The show will be in Oklahoma City throughout the Tuesday March 9 - Friday March 19. Here are the S-M kids that are showing Cody Vasser with a Cattle. Destinie and Conner Thompsons are showing a pig. Kallie Harris is showing a pig. Sammi Green is showing a pig. Rowdy Cole is showing a pig. Creed White is showing a pig. Jamie Highfill is showing a pig. Joslyn Burchett is showing a pig. Emalee Nail is showing a sheep.





Do you ever wonder why springing forward makes you feel like physically falling back...into bed?

