

Making Fun Memories at Claude Methodist VBS



Children from all over the community gathered at Claude United Methodist Church July 21-23rd to be a part of their Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School.

BY COURTNEY SMITH
 UMC VBS WORKER

God is always with us, God loves us, and God made us for a reason! Children from Claude learned these three important ideas at the Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church last

week. During the three days of VBS students learned songs and dances, heard Bible stories that reinforced each day's theme, made really cool crafts, played games, and ate delicious snacks that were provided by church members. During VBS, students also raised mon-

ey for to build wells in Peru through Operation Kid to Kid. During the three days, students raised \$143.34 for clean water. That means that the generous kids in Claude raised enough money to ensure clean water for 29 kids for an entire year!





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86th Annual Caprock Roundup Celebration

SUBMITTED BY
LIZ KENDALL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

“The Yellow Rose of Texas” is the theme for this year’s 86th Annual Caprock Roundup Celebration on July 8th. Registration for the Old Settlers Reunion will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the Courthouse by the Judge’s office.

The street parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. All parade participants should be in line by 9:00 A.M. at the rodeo grounds. Leading the parade will be Mac Stockett and Family, as our Grand Marshalls.

The Claude Chamber of Commerce will be awarding prize money for

floats and youth floats/bicycles.

The first place float will receive \$100, second place \$50, third place \$25. The first place youth float/bicycle will receive \$20, second place \$15, and third place \$10.

All vendors should be set up by 9:00 A.M. on the Courthouse Square. Matthew Barnett, Liz Kendall, and Johnny Sims will be available to direct vendors to the set up locations. Those who are having fundraisers on the square that day should contact Liz Kendall at 226-2624 / 223-5586.

The Fiddlers Contest will begin at 12:30 P.M. Please contact Jody

Stockett at 944-5336 for more information.

The Little Miss and Mister Armstrong County Pageant will be held at 2:00 P.M. followed by the Miss Armstrong County Pageant at 3:00 P.M. Pageant applications may be picked up at Farm Girl Frosting and Johnny’s Hometown Grocery. For more information regard-



Ethan Pettit and his sister, Lilly Lowrey, enjoy the festivities on the square at the 2016 Caprock Roundup. photo by Amanda Pettit

ing the pageant, please contact Karen Schrader at 681-3713.

Also, Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be participating in this years Parade and will park on the South side of the square for blood donations. The blood bank is low on blood and many members of our community have benefited from this wonder gift of life, so let’s all help out.

The Caprock Roundup Committee will be serving their delicious barbeque at noon.

Don’t miss the professional rodeo at the conclusion of the day, sponsored by our local

American Legion. The event begins at 7:30 P.M. Promptly afterwards, there will be an open slab dance benefiting the Hillary Irby Cates Scholarship Fund. Cody Sparks Band will be performing. Cody and his band are very well known throughout the Panhandle Area.

Most importantly, the Chamber is asking all of our residents and visitors to be safety conscious this year.

VBS

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m.

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A Note from Sheriff Barnett



I was on Facebook this past weekend and noticed an article about posting pictures of children. It was a rather scary article about a mother posting pictures of her daughter's birthday party on Facebook. She also said that her child was going to be thanking everyone at the elementary school the following day for all her presents. As she named off the specific school and named all the little children in the photograph, a predator was forwarding the photo to his associates on the internet along with the address of the elementary school. There was also a price on each child ranging from 8,000 to 10,000 dollars. These predators may just want a young child for themselves or they could be sex traffickers. This is a very sobering thought. Every day we see posts from family members, friends and coworkers about their children and what they are doing.

We also post about vacations, family reunions, and other activities on the internet. Regardless of how well you think your computer is secure and how picky you are about friend requests, others can still see your posts. Your friends may not secure their computer or accounts as well as you do or you may have accidentally accepted a friend request thinking it was someone else. What

about the computer hacks, when we get several friend requests from someone we are already friends with?

We have people out there trolling the internet to see who goes on vacation, so they can come into your home after seeing you post a picture from the lovely resort you are staying at in Florida or from the fishing trip you are on. You may come home with nothing left of value in your home. We also have your teenage daughter staying at home alone while you and your husband are on the second honeymoon. A pervert is checking out one of your friends posts and sees this. He may come for a little visit later that night. Wait until you get home to post the pictures from your vacations.

I have also seen young children and teens posting all types of things on the internet. Such as: pictures of the girl/boyfriend showing sexually explicit body parts. This can be considered porn. Underage children in these pictures can cost

you time in jail and a chance to register as a sex offender. A teenager does not need to be considered a sex offender for the rest of his/her life for making a mistake like this. A child learns

from his or her parents on what to do and what not to do. We need to teach them internet safety, but we ourselves need to learn it first. The times we live in now are not like what we grew up in. The internet has added another element where we can be victimized.

Paying bills or checking your account balances is another way for internet predators to get to us. They see your account numbers and passwords while driving up and down the streets. Make sure your internet router is secure. We can all learn internet safety. Let's start protecting ourselves and stop over sharing parts of our lives that should not be shared on Facebook or whatever the other internet sites may be. Let's start sending photographs of the children in cards or letters, instead of out there on Facebook. Just remember once it is out there, it stays out there.

Let's all watch out for each other.

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CHICKEN CHASE—Fri. July 7th, 7:00 p.m., Rodeo Grounds. Team Check-In starts at 6:00 p.m.

CAPROCK RODEO—Sat. July 8th, TBA, Rodeo Grounds

CODY SPARKS BAND BENEFIT CONCERT—July 8th, 9:30 p.m., Claude Legion Hall. Dance and Concert to benefit the Hillary Irby Cates Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donation for admission

CAPROCK ROUNDUP— Sat. July 8th, Event times & Locations TBA, Claude, TX

COMMISSIONERS COURT—Mon. July 10th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

CITY COUNCIL—Mon. July 10th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

COC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Tues.-Thurs. July 11th - 13th, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m., Church of Christ, 4-yr-olds through 5th grade, special guest workers from Roswell, NM!

FBC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Mon.-Fri. July 17th - 21st, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, 3-yr-olds through 5th grade (all workers children will be taken care of too)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB @ THE GEM THEATRE— Sat. & Sun., July 29th & 30th, TBA, The Gem Theatre, Theatre Camp will be presenting their production of *Charlotte's Web*

CLAUDE ISD REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS—August 8th

CLAUDE ISD REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS— August 9th

CLAUDE ISD FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL— Mon. August 21st, ALL DAY



Endurance is in the Details



BY REV. DICK GRAVLEY
FBC CLAUDE PASTOR

It is well-known that the Chinese symbol for the word “crisis” represents both opportunity and danger. Pain and suffering may bring danger, but they also bring an opportunity for maturity and growth. In the book, *Up from the Ashes*, the writers describe a crisis as “a bomb that explodes in your life and shatters it. More specifically, a crisis is a state of extreme emotional upset that is touched off by some hazardous event.”

Part of the key to surviving a crisis is perseverance. We must keep getting up and going about

our business as normally as possible. I remember President Bush urging Americans to get back to “normal” as soon as possible after 9/11. Why? He didn't want the country to be paralyzed by fear. He wanted our country to send a message to the world – especially to our enemies – that fear and terrorism would not dominate our lives. We would move forward, and we would survive.

The reason many believers fail during times of testing, crisis, and desperation is because they are not willing to push through to God. They give up. They resigned themselves to a “less than” existence. They see no hope. All they can see is doom and gloom and they can't bring themselves to believe the truth of Romans 8:28 – “we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.”

We need to keep our hands to the plow and our

eyes on Christ. This world is not our home. Our circumstances do not have the last word. This fallen world and human depravity must not determine our outlook. We cannot let the folks whose motto is “you can't do that” run our lives.

Has your crisis led you to a point of giving up? Are you listening to the naysayers, or to the Lord God of heaven? Are you willing to trust God and take Him at His Word? History records countless stories of those who have persevered when everyone around them said they should give up. When you stop living in believing, you start dying.

Examples of perseverance:

- Vince Lombardi didn't become a head coach in the NFL until he was 47, and now the Super Bowl trophies named after him.
- In his first 3 years in the automobile business, Henry Ford

went bankrupt twice.

- Michael Angelo spent 7 years lying on his back to paint the Sistine Chapel.
- NBA great Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.
- Abraham Lincoln failed that most of his attempts in business and politics.
- Joseph made it to Pharaoh's palace by way of both the pit and the prison.
- Moses experienced 40 years in the desert before he let God's people out of Egypt.

I've got good news for you. You're right where God wants you. But are you on the verge of believing God in a new way. Your faith is about to expand. Your story is about to change.

If you will continue on this journey, believe that at the end, God will use His Word, His Spirit, and truths from the Bible to show you the power of being desperate.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1st Mary Benson <i>M/M James Oles</i>	Glenda Justiss
July 2nd Kristin Siefker <i>M/M Brantlee Lemons</i>	July 5th Erma Lee Tims <i>M/M Richard Williams</i>
July 3rd Jami Boxwell <i>M/M Mike Irby</i>	July 6th Tawnee Blodgett <i>M/M Chris Maddox</i>
July 4th Shenee Heck Bichsel	July 7th Bradley Loria <i>M/M Kelvin Britten</i>

Caprock Grand Marshalls Announced

SUBMITTED BY
LIZ KENDALL

The Claude Chamber of Commerce is honored to announce the Mac Stockett Family as the Local Grand Marshalls for 2017 Caprock Round-up Celebration.

The Stockett home place is located southeast of church on FM 285. The farm was founded in 1904 with 639 acres by Susie Wesley and John Thomas McGehee. John Thomas was born in

Georgia in 1868. He came to Texas in 1892 with his mother and eight (8) siblings. John married Susie Wesley in 1897. In 1933, their daughter, Agnes and her husband, W. R. Stockett acquired half the property. In 1936, they were able to acquire the rest of the property. W. R. died in 1976 and Agnes died in 1997. They had no children. In 1995, Agnes leased the land to her nephew Roy Stockett.

After Agnes died, Roy inherited the farm. In 2001 Roy sold the property to his brother, N. M. (Mac) Stockett. Mac was married to the late Elizabeth Stockett. They had five children, Michelle, Susan, West and Jeff Stockett and the late Lee



Stockett. As in 1904, the Stockett's still work the farm by raising cattle, hay and wheat.



BY MICHELLE BOWLES

I hadn't lived in a small town like Claude until I moved here 11 years ago. I have observed many things that amaze me about this small community.

When I think about the reasons I love Claude, a few things come to mind right off the bat, for instance our community quickly pulls together to help others as well as cheer each other on. A simple hug or smile from a friendly face can help turn a bad day into something more bearable and the people of Claude/Armstrong County are more than willing to do just that!

The people here are willing to help each other with small things that

mean a lot. Just recently I saw where a mom took pictures of another mom's child at a sporting event that she wasn't able to attend and share the pictures with her. a few days ago my nephew and I were the beneficiaries of a neighbor willing to allow us to borrow a baseball glove so that he could participate in the baseball camp happening this week that I wasn't aware of until the last minute. As a parent, I have witnessed other parents love on my kids like they were their own, I too love the kids of Claude!

I love that our community cares about one another. I love how many of our community members care enough about others that they will volunteer selflessly to spend many hours away from their own families, some times interrupting plans to take care of other's family and or property without compensation. To those people knowing our community is safer is enough and I thank them!!

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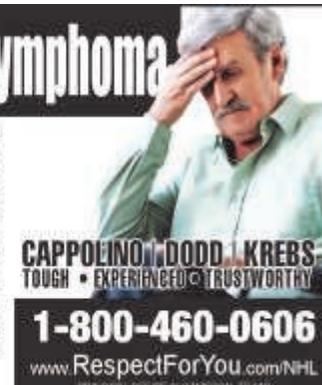


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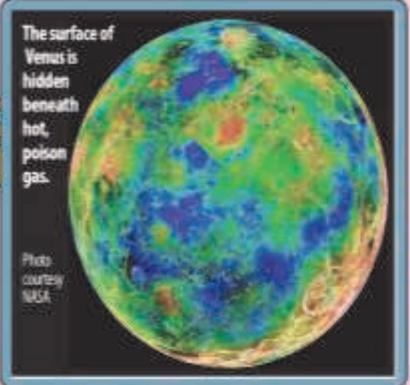
The Great (and Weird) Venus

Even though Venus is Earth's closest neighbor, it is very mysterious and strange. Some of the words in Woodward's report have been blocked by the planet's hot, poison gas!

Dear Kid Scoop Readers -

While Venus looks **LOVELY** from afar, it would be a pretty yucky place to visit. The heavy, poisonous atmosphere traps the sun's **HEAT**. The rocks get heated up by the sun and radiate the heat back into the atmosphere which traps it like the glass **WALLS** of a greenhouse.

It can get to almost 900 degrees F on Venus - hotter than Mercury, the closest planet to the sun!



Quick! Fly Woodward's ship to safety!



Spin Story

Venus spins in the opposite direction from Earth, so the sun rises in the west and sets in the east.

It spins very, very slowly. To find out how many Earth days it takes Venus to spin around just once, color in the spaces on the planet at left with two dots PINK and the spaces with one dot BLUE. HINT: It's a long time between sunsets!



It is so hot on Venus that metals like lead would

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 EARTH VENUS

	VENUS	EARTH
DISTANCE FROM THE SUN	68 MILLION MILES	93 MILLION MILES
TIME TO ORBIT THE SUN	225 DAYS	365 DAYS
ORBIT SPEED	78,292 MILES PER HOUR	70,000 MILES PER HOUR
LENGTH OF DAY	243 EARTH DAYS	JUST A BIT OVER 24 HOURS
CIRCUMFERENCE	7,520 MILES	7,926 MILES
NUMBER OF MOONS	0	1

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How Venus Got Its Name

The planet Venus shines the brightest of the planets and often can be seen from Earth at sunrise and sunset. Ancient Romans named the planet Venus after their goddess of love and beauty.

Circle the heart that continues the pattern in each row.

Standards Link: Math: Patterns

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

MYSTERIOUS
 POISONOUS
 SURFACE
 SISTER
 BEAUTY
 SUNSET
 VENUS
 WEIRD
 YUCKY
 HEAVY
 LOVE
 LEAD
 WEST
 HOT

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognize identical words, Scan and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Vowel Planet

Draw a large circle on a blank piece of paper and call this the planet Vowel. Look for words that have short and long vowel sounds. Can you find at least one for each?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions

Write On!

Moon Cheese

Is the moon made of cheese?
 Why do you think so or why not?

Kid Scoop Together: Venus Quiz

Read today's Kid Scoop page to find the answers to these curious questions!

- Which is longer, a Venus day or a Venus year?

- How many moons does Venus have?

- What traps heat on the surface of Venus?

- What can melt on Venus?

- Who is Venus named after?

- True or False? On Venus the sun sets in the east.

- Write a question of your own about Venus based on this Kid Scoop page. Have a parent read the page and answer your question.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word VENUS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

N	V	U	E
V	E		
	V	N	
		U	V
E	S		V

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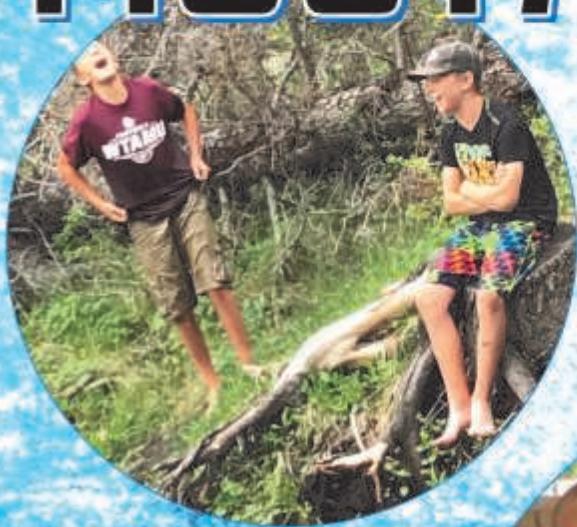


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