

# Back to School Time Comes Again

School supplies are filling the shelves, summer activities are coming to an end, and parents are about to go crazy from overexposure to their children. That can only mean one thing--it's back to school time! Claude has several changes coming to its educational landscape this fall.

WEE School of First Baptist Church is accepting students for a morning, five day a week program for students age 3 to five. There are also a limited number of openings for MWF students of the same age. WEE School is also welcoming two new teachers. Dena Gillmore is the new Head Teacher, and Allison McNett is the Assistant Teacher. WEE School also offers transportation to the school for four year-old students who are also enrolled in Claude Elementary's afternoon preK program.

WEE School will be hosting a Meet the Teachers/Orientation on Thursday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to bring forms, school supplies, and ask all of your questions. For more information about WEE School, call Director Christiana Mustion at 816-

489-3919.

Claude Elementary is under new leadership this fall. Hometown girl, Kendra Sherrill, is the new Principal at the helm. Sherrill is onboarding several new teachers and re-assigning existing staff members.

The Claude Middle School and High School is also under new leadership starting this fall. Robert Cantu will take over the Principal position and lead the school this year. CHS will also be welcoming a variety of new teachers this fall.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 16th! Watch for more information in future issues of The Claude News! For now, here is a copy of the local 2018-2019 school supply lists.

## STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2018-2019

### WEE SCHOOL

A backpack big enough to fit a folder; An extra change of clothes including socks & underwear inside a gallon ziplock; 2 (24 ct) boxes of Crayola brand crayons; 2 (8 ct) boxes of Crayola brand washable markers; 1 pair



of fiskar scissors; 2 glue sticks; 2 plain #2 pencils; 1 (8 ct/colors) Crayola brand watercolors; 2 pkg. of regular baby wipes; 1 Pkg Multi-Color Construction Paper 50 ct or Larger; Expo CHISEL TIP Dry Erase Markers 4ct or Larger; BOYS: 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer; GIRLS:

1 Container of Sanitizing Wipes; **OPTIONAL DONATIONS:** Colored Duct Tape, 58qt Clear Storage Box with Lid, Sharpies, Rolls of Bulletin Board Paper, Googly Eyes, Cardstock (white or colored), & Clear Hobby Craft Adhesive Hot Melt Glue Gun Sticks 7mm

*\*\*Please write your child's name only on their backpack & clothes.\*\**

### CLAUDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### Pre-K

Fiskar brand scissors, 16 count Crayola Crayons,

1 box Kleenex, 2 pkgs. Baby wipes, 8 purple glue sticks, 1 spiral notebook, 2 plastic folders w/ brads, 1 pkg. 4 ct. Play-Doh, 1 box of 10 primary color washable markers w/pink, 1 Elmers white school glue,

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# Bye Bye Pell Grants, Hello Even More Student Loan Debt

BY MORRIS PEARL  
CHAIR OF THE PATRIOTIC  
MILLIONAIRES AND FORMER  
MANAGING DIRECTOR AT  
BLACKROCK, INC.

Congressional Republicans sure have a hard time with math. In the most recent House budget, they included massive cuts to the Pell Grant program, which allows millions of students each year to better afford a college education, all in the name of fiscal responsibility. We can't afford it, they say. It's a sign of how quickly things change, I guess, that we suddenly can't afford a \$27 billion program when just last December they said a \$1,900 billion tax handout to millionaires and corporations wouldn't be a problem. I'm no mathematician, but those numbers don't add up.

What does add up, however, is the benefit a college degree accrues over a person's lifetime. A report by Georgetown University found that the average person with a bachelor's degree earns \$2.27 million throughout their lifetime, while someone with just a high school diploma earns \$1.3 million during the same timeframe. The impact of this extra million dollars cannot be overstated. It is home ownership and a good quality of life instead of living paycheck to paycheck. But with the cost of a college

degree exploding in recent years, this is becoming a less and less realistic path for many young Americans, even with Pell Grants providing some financial assistance.

These prospective cuts to the Pell Grant program couldn't have come at a worse time. Nearly 10 years after the last financial crisis, we are on the verge of another financial crisis, this time in the form of a student loan debt bubble. Student loan debt has risen 130% since 2008, and now makes up 42% of all consumer debt. In fact, last quarter, financial loan debt surpassed credit card and medical debt, and is now second only to mortgage debt, the cause of the last recession 10 years ago. This situation is so serious that Trump-appointed Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Jerome Powell warned that the increasing the national student loan debt, which is already at \$1.5 trillion, will soon begin to stifle growth.

For a country that touts access to opportunities as one of our founding principles, reducing the Pell Grant program seems profoundly un-American. Scholarships and grants are one of the only ways for students to attend institutions of higher education without accruing massive amounts of debt. The only other options are to be

born well-off, or to work your way through school, only enrolling for courses you can pay for up front. The former is not an option for the vast majority of prospective students, and the latter is impractical and timely, not to mention a virtual impossibility for many because of the absurdly low federal minimum wage. A four year degree turns into a 6 or 8 year degree, and along the way working students will not have the same ability to intern or be active on campus and in their community.

There are few things that more Americans agree on than the need for a better, available and accessible education system. Congressional Republicans' efforts to make college even less affordable make no sense when considered in the lens of public service, but make all the sense in the world when you consider their real goal as legislators. Billionaire donors have little interest in making college more affordable, and Republicans have already proven to be fundamentally against funding the education of those who cannot afford it on their own. This is one of the reasons why people with student loan debt still do not have access to bankruptcy courts. Republicans' message is that working class people who want an education should either find



a way to become wealthy, or have their lives ruined forever by onerous student loans.

Republicans in Congress already stole from our future with last year's \$1.9 trillion tax bill-- we can't let them do it again. The Pell Grant program needs to be protected, and any member of Congress who votes to cut it should be held accountable in November.

Morris Pearl currently serves as Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires, a group of hundreds of high-net-worth Americans who are committed to making all Americans, including themselves, better off by building a more prosperous, stable, and inclusive nation. The group focuses on promoting public policy solutions that encourage political equality, guarantee a sustaining wage for working Americans, and ensure that millionaires, billionaires, and corporations pay their fair share of taxes. Previously, Mr. Pearl was a managing director at BlackRock, one of the largest investment firms in the world.

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# How To Launch A Business From Your College Dorm Room

BY ADAM WITTY

College students with an entrepreneurial spirit may be eager for the day they can leave the confines of their cramped dorm rooms, move into a spacious office and launch the business of their dreams.

But why wait?

“There are plenty of examples of college students who were still living in their dorms when they started what became very successful businesses,” says Adam Witty, co-author with Rusty Shelton of Authority Marketing: How to Leverage 7 Pillars of Thought Leadership to Make Competition Irrelevant.

Just to name a few: Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook; Michael Dell of Dell; Evan Spiegel and Robert Murphy of Snapchat; and Matt Mullenweg and Mike Little of WordPress.

Witty, the founder and CEO of Advantage|Forbes-Books (www.advantage-family.com), knows something about launching a business in the most meager surroundings.

It wasn't a dorm room, but he did start his now multimillion-dollar company in 2005 in a spare bedroom of his house when he was just two years out of college. Confined by the four walls but not by his vision, Witty mapped out a plan and mission that would see him become the leader of a growing company.

Witty offers a few tips for college students who have been bitten by the entrepreneurial bug:

Find a mentor. A good mentor, such as a professor or local business person, can provide valuable advice, help with networking and perhaps even be the inspiration behind the business you launch. Witty's mentor was Pat Williams, a motivational speaker and senior vice president of the NBA's Orlando Magic. Williams told Witty that every motivational speaker needs a book, but most don't have one. In cases where speakers did have a book, it was often self-published and of poor quality. It was Williams

who suggested that Witty start a publishing company for people like him who could use the book as a marketing tool.

Think of yourself as a brand. College students are well aware of such brands as Nike, Netflix, Apple and Starbucks, among many others. They recognize and maybe even trust these brands, and naturally will think in terms of the corporate brand for whatever business they want to launch. But Witty says that beyond a company brand, it's also valuable to promote your personal brand. “Regardless of what service or product you plan to offer, it's important for you to build your visibility and credibility in your field,” he says. “This is especially true when you're going up against established businesses that have years or decades head start on you in terms of brand awareness.” This may be a challenge for a college student, but by getting yourself and your name in front of as many people as possible, you will be on your way

to building trust with your intended clientele.

Make use of social media. If you're worried about how to pay for next semester's textbooks, it's unlikely you have a massive marketing budget. What you do have, though, are social media accounts that cost you nothing. Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram all can help you spread your message, build your authority and connect with potential customers or clients, Witty says.

Even before you begin, whether you're starting your business in a dorm room or an office park, you will want to know how you will measure your success, Witty says. What metrics will you use? Will you set as a goal a certain number of leads each month? A certain number of sales or new clients?

“You have to know what success looks like and where you want to end up,” Witty says. “If you don't, how will you know you're happy with the results?”

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SWIMMING POOL OPEN** - Tues. to Sun., 1:00-6:00 p.m., Buy Your Passes at City Hall or Pay \$2/ per Person at the Door

**2x2 TUESDAYS @ THE LIBRARY** - Tues. July 31st, 9:00 a.m., Claude Library, For ages two to incoming 2nd Graders

**BLUEBONNET THURSDAYS @ THE LIBRARY** - Thurs. Aug. 2nd, 9:00 a.m., Claude Library, For incoming 3rd-6th graders. We will delve into the new Bluebonnet books, watch the book trailers, do readers theater, discuss these wonderful books and perhaps even have a craft or activity of some kind.

**ELEMENTARY PTO (PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION) MEETING** - Thurs. Aug. 2nd, 7:00 p.m., Elementary School Cafeteria. Anyone interested in being a member or finding out more info are welcome to come.

**ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ CLAUDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Sat. Aug. 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (hot dog lunch will be served), for age 4 through completing Grade 6. Camping is nothing new! They camped out in the Bible too!

**PETER PAN PLAY** - Sat. Aug. 4th, 7:00 p.m., The Gem Theatre, Tickets are \$10 adult and \$5 children (12 & under). General Admission Seating. This is the final performance of the Gem Theatre Academy. Come out and support the students.

**PETER PAN PLAY** - Sun. Aug. 5th, 2:00 p.m., The Gem Theatre, Tickets are \$10 adult and \$5 children (12 & under). General Admission Seating. This is the final performance of the Gem Theatre Academy. Come out and support the students.

**CISD NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION** - Mon. Aug. 6th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Bring shot record, birth certificate and social security card needed

**CISD RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION** - Thurs. Aug. 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**—Mon. Aug. 12th, 9:00 a.m., Armstrong County Courthouse

**CITY COUNCIL**—Mon. Aug. 12th, 5:30 p.m., Claude City Hall

## INVITATION FOR BIDS TO BE A COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Any bank that wants to be a county depository for Armstrong County, Texas, must pick up a bid packets at the Armstrong County Judge's office located at 100 S. Trice, Claude, Texas, or call 806-553-2859 or 806-553-2862 and a packet will be mailed.

The bid must be delivered back to the County Judge of such county on or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018, no later than 10:00 a.m. at which time bids will be opened.

Selection will be announced on September 10, 2018.

All bids submitted as well as the action of the Armstrong County Commissioners' Court in regard thereto shall be governed by Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, which governs depositories for the county public funds.

**HUGH REED, ARMSTRONG COUNTY JUDGE**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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	Shannon Heck
<b>July 29th</b>	Rhett Hubbard
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	Micheala Maddox
<b>July 30th</b>	Millie Strawn
Mary McKay Beadles	
Val Reyes	<b>August 2nd</b>
Carl Lansbury	Marlo Byrd
Josie Bean	Virginia Jones
M/M Blaine Harris	M/M Lee Whitaker
M/M Pete Pool	
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# Restoring Hope



BY RICHARD GRAVLEY, PASTOR  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of his poor athletic ability, just about every time he tried to tackle a slope, he wound up breaking his wooden skis. Even so, he held on to the hope that one day becoming a skillful skier. That help may have looked pretty faint to Howard at times, but not faint enough to keep him from trying something that seemed crazy at the time.

The more Howard thought about it, the more he convinced himself that this problem was skiing wasn't his skill on the slopes, it was the skis! So a 1941 Howard Head, who was a brilliant engineer,

took \$6000 and focused his entire life on building skis out of aircraft materials. His friends thought he was a little crazy. Everyone knew the best skis were made out of hickory. Undaunted, Howard invested several years developing a composite ski that was virtually unbreakable – in the skiing world was changed forever. Head skis became the dominant company in the industry.

Eventually, Howard sold his company and became a multimillionaire. Along the way, he also realized his dream of becoming a better skier.

Now rich and retired, Howard built a tennis court in his backyard and spent \$5000 on tennis lessons. But once again, his lack of athletic ability seemed to stymie him. He bought a ball machine to help them practice on his own, but he became convinced that the Prince ball machine could be improved. So he

bought the company and spent months improving the machine. Within a very short time, his improved ball machine captured over 50% of the market.

But he was still a lousy tennis player.

Then it dawned on him at his trouble might be the racket. He should make it bigger. Once again, his friends thought he was nuts – it was against the rules to have a bigger racket. So Howard looked up the rules and discovered that there was no regulation on the size of the racket. So far as the rules were concerned, you could play tennis with a waffle iron. So he began to work on an oversized racket that was 2 inches wider and 3 inches longer. He personally played with it, amazing even himself at the improvement in his game.

After much trial and error and extensive tests in the lab, Howard eventually had test results that proved the sweet spot of his racket was 20% larger than a normal racket. The Prince racket became the gold standard in tennis, and it 1982 Howard sold the company for \$62 million. Because he had virtually no hope of becoming a better tennis player unless he improved the equipment, Howard did just that. And everyone benefited.

When most people lose hope, however, it's usually about things significantly more important – and near to the heart –

skiing or tennis.

How important is hope? It's a fact of life that a man can live without water for only several days, and without food for a matter of weeks.

But nothing kills the heart of a man more than the absence of hope.

When hope is gone, life is gone.

Solomon writes in Proverbs 13:12 – "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." Broken hopes are a kick in the gut. But when big hopes can get broken, it can be difficult to go on.

Broken hopes often go hand-in-hand with disappointment and sorrow. We experience hopelessness when we are crushed and beaten by the disappointments and sorrow of life. It's difficult for many of us to understand that God is fully aware of our broken hopes. The providence of God is overseeing your life in bringing that what is best for you. In this very moment, God is weaving your life together for His glory and honor. Broken hopes are one of the tools in God's workshop.

"Hope" has to do with the future; it looks forward to something. Hope allies itself with our emotions. But hope is only as good as the promise to which it is related. "Remember the word to your servant, upon which you have caused me to hope."

True hope can only be found in the truth of the Word of God. Thank God for those times that God's Word gives us a place to stand, and a promise to hope in.

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# 4 Tips For Packing A Healthy School Lunch That's Also Cheap



BY CHEF ZIPORA EINAV

It won't be long before kids will be heading back to school and for the parents to begin packing their lunches again. Organic food is expensive and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches only work for so long.

But Chef Zipora Einav ([www.chefzipora.com](http://www.chefzipora.com)), a chef to the celebrities and author of *Recipe for a Delicious Life*, says it is easy to stick to a budget on school lunches if you plan and prepare the meals at home in advance.

"Planning a menu and shopping with a list each week helps to manage your budget because you

only buy what is needed rather than going to the store each day," she says. "And if the kids are old enough, let them help you prepare their lunches. That is an excellent time to have discussions with your children about nutrition."

Chef Zipora offers these suggestions for preparing a nutritious brown bag lunch for children throughout the school year:

For a healthier snack, offer baked vegetable chips or sweet potato fries (rather than buying the packaged chips)

Make home-baked chicken fingers or bake chicken to create a sandwich on whole wheat

bread. Add lettuce.

Include seasonal fruit such as apples, pears and strawberries.

Does your child have a favorite vegetable like carrot sticks or celery? You can include a hummus dip (which is offered plain or comes in several flavors). You can also add whole wheat crackers such as Wheat Thins or Breton.

"Eating healthy does not need to be expensive," Chef Zipora says, "and preparing the foods can be easier than most people think if they just prepare in advance and shop for healthy groceries."

# 6 Ways to Prepare for a New School Year

(StatePoint) Want to ensure the transition from summer to school goes smoothly for your family? Check out these six tips.

1. Make a smooth transition. Been sleeping in all summer? Now's the time to get your body back into the routine of early mornings. Start slowly, setting the alarm earlier until you reach the time you'll be waking up for the school year.

2. Get the right education tools. Be sure you have a comprehensive list of all the school supplies and education tools you'll need for a successful year ahead. As far as tech tools like graphing calculators are concerned, opt for those that are jam packed with all the latest features.

3. Organize your agenda. Make sure everyone is ready for the busy year ahead. Plan your children's participation in after school activities. Then, display relevant items on a calendar where the whole family can see it.

4. De-stress. The hectic back-to-school season can create tension and stress. Encourage hobbies that help students unwind as the school year gets back into full swing.

5. Get healthy. Crowded classrooms are a good place to pick up germs. Keep kids healthy with a daily multivitamin, plenty

of fresh fruits and veggies and lots of sleep.

6. Adapt to new school resources. Districts are incorporating the latest tech into classroom learning. Technology linked to a smartphone or tablet, expands the teacher's ability to create and deliver dynamic lesson plans.

## Camping's nothing new; they camped out in the Bible too!

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Armstrong County Commissioners will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **4** percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **08/13/2018 09:00 AM** at Armstrong County Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on **08/27/2018 09:00 AM** at Armstrong County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted ob tge proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

For: Robert Harris, Phil Fletcher, Parker Stewart  
Against: Judge Hugh Reed, Adam Ensey  
Present and Not Voting: N/A  
Absent: N/A

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Armstrong County last year was **\$67,555**. Based on last year's tax rate of **\$0.662799** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was **\$448**.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of **\$0.662799** per \$100 taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$474**.

Members of the public are encourage to attend the hearings and express their views.

### Special Provisions if Applicable

#### Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The Armstrong County County Auditor certifies that Armstrong County has spent **\$0** in the previous 12 months beginning, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Armstrong County County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

#### Enhanced Indigents Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The Armstrong County Commissioners spent **\$0** from to on ehanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhance indigent health care expenditures is **\$0**.

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

# We have a Winner!

BY DON SHERMAN, COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 344 CLAUDE, TX



E t h a n Berten from S h a m r o c k won the Henry 22 Lever Action Rifle that was raffled off At Caprock Roundup Rodeo.

The winning ticket was sold by Chad Lepp from American Legion Post 68 in Shamrock. It is nice when everyone works together to help with fund raisers. Borger Post 671 and Amarillo Post 54 also helped us sell tickets.

Many thanks to all of you that bought tickets for the rifle!!!!

The American Legion is an all volunteer Veterans Group, so all the money will be used to improve our American Legion Post and grounds including the Rodeo Arena and the Veterans Memorial or the

Community.

One program we use the money for, is Boys and Girls State, which is a Boy or Girl going to Austin for a week to learn how our Government works.

Thank you again for supporting our American Legion Post, and don't forget to support other groups fund raising. FYI the Armstrong County Museum is doing another 52 week Gun Raffle, so get your tickets now.

# Texas at Top of List of States that Have Underfunded K-12 and Higher Education since Recession

WASHINGTON— Texas is at the top of the list of states with the largest cut in K-12 and higher education funding since the 2008 recession, according to a groundbreaking report by the American Federation of Teachers.

Governments in 25 states have shortchanged public K-12 education by \$19 billion over the last decade, the report found. "A Decade of Neglect: Public Education Funding in the Aftermath of the Great Recession" details the devastating impact on schools, classrooms and students when states choose to pursue an austerity agenda in the false belief that tax cuts will pay for themselves.

Over the past decade, Texas cut its public education spending by \$2.5 billion—the second-worst showing after Florida.

For higher education spending, Texas tops the nation with its reduction in postsecondary investments by \$1.78 billion.

"Texas should be ashamed of its disinvestment in education. There is no one to blame but state officials, including the governor and lieutenant governor, who would rather hand out tax cuts than give our kids a well-funded education. The fact is, money matters in schools," said Louis Malfaro, president, Texas AFT.

The report found chronic underfunding explains the most recent

data showing that average teacher pay, adjusted for inflation, in Texas is lower in 2018 than it was in 2009 and that the pupil-teacher ratio was worse in 2016 than in 2008. Texas is 43rd in the nation in per-pupil spending.


The report also found that this disinvestment is a choice. State officials have chosen to cut taxes and divert funds to pad the state's growing reserve accounts rather than invest in children. Five of the 11 states with the lowest K-12 funding—Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas—are also among those with the lowest taxes on the rich.

Texas, with 5.4 million children, is the fastest growing state in school-age population, adding about 850,000 new pupils in last 10 years. "This makes the underfunding of public and higher education a tragedy of epic proportions," Malfaro said.

"These problems belong squarely at the feet of elected officials, many of them Republicans, who, rather than investing in our future, insisted on ushering in counterproductive austerity," said AFT President Randi Weingarten. "When legislators choose to prioritize millionaires over children, our country suffers. And when our education secretary says that money doesn't matter in schools, we tell teachers, parents and children that they don't matter either."

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# Claude Ball Fields



The community softball fields have received a facelift courtesy of Claude ISD. photo courtesy of Claude Youth Baseball

In case you haven't driven by the little league ball fields in town lately, you may have noticed that the field has a new make over. New sod has been placed on the field and the makeover looks great. According to Claude youth baseball president Johnny Sims the new sod is from Claude Independent School District and is

part of the agreement that school had with the City. Once the softball team no longer played on the field, they would return it the way they found it. "I am very pleased, they did a great job," shared Sims.





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## 2018 Property Tax Rates in ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This notice concerns 2018 property tax rates for ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### General Fund

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	853962.52
Last year's debt taxes	0.00
Last year's total taxes	853962.52
Last year's tax base	\$191,915,280
Last year's total tax rate	.662799 /\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	853,962.52
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	198,359,251
= This year's effective tax rate	.642526 /\$100

*(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)*

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	.012679
= Effective tax rate	.642526 /\$100

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	852,349
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	198,359,251
= This year's effective rate	.641247 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.692545 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	.692545 /\$100

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.012679 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	.679866 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for	0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	.679866 /\$100



# Back 2 School

CONTINUED FROM PG 1

1 plastic box to hold supplies, 1 watercolor set-primary colors, Change of clothes w/socks and underwear, backpack that a folder will fit in, No tie shoes please. (Put names on backpack, folders, notebook, box)

## Kindergarten

A backpack, 4 (24 ct) box's of Crayola brand crayons, 12 glue sticks, 2 plain #2 pencils, 1 pair Fiskar metal blade scissors, 1 pkg. pencil cap erasers, 2 large pink erasers, 2 (10 ct) boxes of Crayola brand washable markers, 1 (8 ct) Crayola brand watercolors, 1 lg box of Kleenex, 3 plastic folders with brads, BOYS - 2 lg\pkgs of baby wipes, GIRLS - 1 box gallon size Ziploc storage bags and 1 box

sandwich size bags, 1 mat for rest time (for hygiene reasons, please bring vinyl mat only) \*Only put names on backpacks, mat, folders, and scissors -the rest of the supplies are combined for-classroom use.

## First Grade

12 - #2 yellow pencils, 1 pencil pouch, 2 large pink erasers, 2 pkgs. pencil cap erasers, 1 pair of scissors, 1 small school box, 4 large white glue sticks, 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue, 24 ct. Crayola brand crayons, 8 ct. washable markers, 8 ct. watercolors, 2 plastic folders with brads, 2 plastic folders w/brads, 4 dry erase markers, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 1 pkg. wipes.

## Second Grade

12 #2 yellow pencils, small supply box, 2 large pink erasers, 4 whiteboard markers, 4 plastic folders w/brads, 5 spirals, 1 drip Elmers glue, 4 purple glue sticks, 1 pkg of washable markers, 1-24 ct. box of crayons, 1 pkg. index cards, 1 pkg. of wipes, 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 Fiskar scissors, BOYS -gallon baggies, GIRLS -sandwich baggies.

## Third Grade

1 bradded folders (plastic), 4 glue sticks, 1 pkg crayons (no larger than a 24 ct), 1 pkg 12 count colored pencils, 2 pkg of 24 pencils, 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 spiral, 1 pair of scissors, 3 big pink erasers, 1 composition book, 1 - 1 1/2" notebook, GIRLS - 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc bags, BOYS - 1 pkg of qt size

Ziploc bags.

## Fourth, Fifth, & 6th Grade

1 pair of scissors, 8 glue sticks, 1 bottle of glue, 4 dry erase markers, 1 box of crayons, 1 box of colored pencils, 2 boxes Kleenex, 24 pencils, 6 highlighters, 2 pkgs. wide-ruled notebook paper, 1 pair of headphones or earbuds, 1 ruler, 1 in. notebook with pockets, 2 - 1 subject spiral notebook, 2 composition books, 1 plastic, pocketed, bradded folder, 2 pkgs. of index cards.

In upcoming weeks, The Claude News will be running stories on new Claude ISD teachers and staff. In addition, we will resume running the CISD break-



fast and lunch menus the week before school starts. We also plan to run information about the school's bond proposal and plans. The Claude News supports the local school and community.

# Thank You!

**Thank you seems so insignificant when it comes to the sacrifices made in the weeks preceding and during Caprock Round Up by everyone involved. Without your hard work and dedication, from the big jobs to the small errands, Caprock Round Up would not be the success it was again this year! Each of you are valued and appreciated more than we can express. Caprock Round up doesn't just happen...it is carefully curated with history, heritage and family in mind. A huge heartfelt THANK YOU for being part of this yearly tradition and know that we look forward to working with you in the years to come.**

**- Claude Chamber of Commerce -**



# Faith City is Awarded Affordable Housing Program Grant for Future Project



Faith City Mission breaks ground on new grant project in downtown Amarillo. photo courtesy of Faith City Mission

Faith City Mission has been awarded the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant. On June 19th, Faith City was notified that FHLBank San Francisco had awarded them the grant of \$1.6 million. 160 organizations from around the nation applied for the grant, and Faith City Mission was honored to be one of the 70 projects chosen for the Affordable Housing Program. This grant will help begin the renovations at BSA's old hospice building, which is to become Faith City Mission's new downtown outreach center for the homeless. Michael Meil, Development Director, says, "We are so excited that we were awarded this grant. We are getting very close to beginning renovations at our future location and are hopeful for the positive impact that this will bring to the community."

Marietta Nunez, Vice President and Community Investment Officer at FHLBank San Francisco

says "Providing emergency shelter and transitional housing with services for women, men, and children in the Texas Panhandle is a critical first step towards combating addiction and the homelessness that so often accompanies it." Marietta adds, "We are glad that our AHP will support our member Raza Development Fund's partnership with Faith City on this very valuable project."

The project costs for the renovations of the BSA Hospice facility, to be turned into the new outreach building and campus for Faith City Mission, are approximately \$3 Million. This leaves a balance to be raised, after the grant, of approximately \$700,000. If you would like to participate in giving to the new facility or take a tour please contact Michael Meil, Development Director, at (806)-373-6402.

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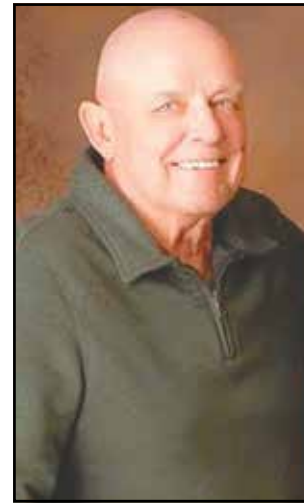
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**CLAUDE ISD**

# OBITUARY

## Gary Wilson, 72



Gary Lee Wilson, 72, of Washburn, died Monday, July 23, 2018.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 27, 2018 at Washburn Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., Amarillo.

Gary was born July 24, 1945 in Plainview, Texas to Johnnie and Oleta Wilson. He was raised in Floydada and attended South Plains High School. He married Delores Wilson 1983 and worked many years with the United States Postal

Service, retiring as a Plant Manager.

He enjoyed going to farm sales, raising cattle, and cruising around on the Polaris on his farm.

Gary is preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Wilson; and his wife, Delores Wilson.

He is survived by his mother, Oleta Wilson of Lubbock; 5 daughters, Gloria Jones of Fredericksburg, Pam Wilde of Amarillo, Christi Wilson of Grand Prairie, Misty Brown and husband, Tommy of Amarillo and Jaci Clark and husband, Brian of Wellington, CO; son, Chad Wilson of Arlington, TX; sister, Sue Blythe and husband, Tom of Kerrville, TX; brother, Johnnie Wilson and wife, Sue of Crosbyton, TX; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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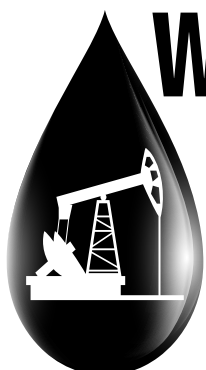
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Summertime is the perfect time to invite a group of friends over for

# A GREAT SLEEPOVER!

Here are a few tips for planning the perfect slumber party:

- ★ Create some colorful cards to invite your friends. Be sure to tell the start time and end time for the party.
- ★ Have a plan for things your guests will enjoy, such as playing games, watching a movie, working on a craft, etc.
- ★ Have yummy snacks such as s'mores, popcorn or fresh fruit.
- ★ Encourage **everyone** to help clean up any mess the next morning! It's not fair to leave it for your parents to do.



### Sloppy Slumber Party

Wow! The boys at Noah's slumber party had a lot of fun, but they sure made a really big mess. Can you find these items among the clutter?

- 11 pretzels
- 11 crayons
- 7 socks
- 6 cups
- 4 plates
- 6 apple cores
- 3 books
- 8 flashlights
- 5 pizza slices
- 2 action figures
- 3 basketballs
- 4 sneakers

### Silly Sleepover Sentence

Write a sentence about a silly sleep over. Use one noun, one verb and three adjectives!

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Which two sets of pajamas are exactly alike?



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



How many slippers can you find on this page?

### Extra! Extra! Sleepover Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper to find:
- A flashlight
  - A picture of a bed
  - Three nouns
  - Four adjectives
  - Five verbs

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler



Sleepovers are fun, but you'll need to catch up on your sleep. Why does sleep matter? Replace the missing words.

- SKIN LEARN IDEAS  
ATTENTION HEALTHY INJURIES

Your brain needs sleep, so you can:

- Remember what you \_\_\_\_\_
- Pay \_\_\_\_\_ and concentrate
- Solve problems and think of new \_\_\_\_\_

Your body needs sleep, so your:

- Muscles, bones, and \_\_\_\_\_ can grow
- Muscles, skin and other parts can fix \_\_\_\_\_
- Body can stay \_\_\_\_\_ and fight sickness

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

- SLEEPOVER  
SENTENCE  
PAJAMAS  
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PILLOW  
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FIGHT  
BRAIN  
SOLVE  
BONES  
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SKIN  
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BED

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



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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Opposite Headlines

Select five or more headlines in today's newspaper. Re-write each headline so that it says exactly the opposite of what the original headline said.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Students understand and use antonyms to determine the meaning of words.

### Write On!

### THAT'S STRANGE

What is one of the strangest things you have ever heard about? Write about it and share it with a friend or family member.

### Kid Scoop Together:

### A Goofy Ghost Story

Telling ghost stories at a slumber party is fun. But not all ghost stories are scary. Ask a parent for each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, dim the lights and read it aloud tonight!

### THE STRANGE VISITOR

Boris had fallen asleep in his \_\_\_\_\_ reading one night.  
NOUN  
Around 2:00 a.m., a loud \_\_\_\_\_ startled him awake.  
NOUN  
The room was completely dark.

"Who's there?" cried Boris.  
A deep voice in the shadows replied, "It is I, a \_\_\_\_\_

ADJECTIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_ . And there is no  
NOUN  
escaping my \_\_\_\_\_ !"  
PLURAL NOUN

Boris ran across the dark room and began to \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs. But he felt a cold \_\_\_\_\_ grip his ankle.  
NOUN  
He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ at all!  
VERB

"Wait!" shouted Boris. "If I give you my collection of \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_, will you leave?"  
PLURAL NOUN

"You collect those, too?" said the voice. "That's amazing! Do you also like to eat \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_ on toast?"  
PLURAL NOUN

"My favorite!" said Boris. He turned on the overhead \_\_\_\_\_ and the two hairy NOUN  
monsters shook \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN  
"Nice to meet you! I'm Boris!"

"My name is Edgar," said the other monster. "I know it's late, but I think we can still catch a few \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN  
before the sun comes up."

With that, the two monsters friends stepped out into the dark \_\_\_\_\_ night.  
ADJECTIVE



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