

A Tradition of Excellence



Claude High School Spirit of the 'Stangs Marching Band earned all 1's at UIL marching competition. photo courtesy of Shelley Thornton

**BY ALYSSA HIGGS
STUDENT REPORTER**

In the year of 2017-2018, the Claude High School Band earned their first Sweepstakes in Claude history. This year, on Saturday October 20, 2018, the Spirit of the 'Stangs secured a third of their next Sweepstakes.

A Sweepstakes is

when a band receives a 1, or the highest rating from a UIL competition, in three categories in year. These categories are a marching performance, a contest performance, and a sightreading contest. On Saturday, at Dick Bivins Stadium, the band obtained their 1 for the marching portion.

Prior to the contest on

Saturday, the Spirit of the 'Stangs spent months in advance to prepare. They had summer band during August to lay the fundamentals of marching. Band director, Shelly Thornton, then taught her students the layout of the show and the music to go along with it. This process lasted until the day of the contest

because even though their performance was good, the band wanted their show to be perfect.

The band then attended several clinics and pre-contests to try to perfect their show. At these, they received advice from talented music composers and band directors that helped them know what

needed adjustment or more practice.

With all of the hard work put in to the show, the day of contest was nerve wracking for some band members. Drum major McKay Wilkerson was nervous to impress the judges but she trusted that her band would be able to pull away with a trophy. "I

was pretty nervous considering it was my last time at Dick Bivins, but I was so excited to show the judges just who the Spirit of the 'Stangs are. When I saw the trophy, I instantly was reassured that our hard work had paid off. I'm so proud of this band and it wouldn't have been possi-

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 Salsa, Tomato Cup,
 Fruit, & Milk

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Breakfast: Chicken-n-
 Waffles, Fruit Juice,
 Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Mustangs
 Chicken Bowl, Gravy,
 Roll, Mashed Potatoes,
 Green Beans, Fruit,
 & Milk

THUR., NOVEMBER 1ST

Breakfast: Pancakes,
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 Fruit, & Milk

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 Broccoli, Bananas,
 & Milk

FRI., NOVEMBER 2ND

Breakfast: Dutch
 Waffle*, Bacon, Fruit
 Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Chicken
 Alfredo, Breadstick,
 Tuscan Vegetables,
 Salad, Apple, Cookie,
 & Milk

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 be Served to PreK

STAR STUDENTS

WEEK OF
OCTOBER 26, 2018



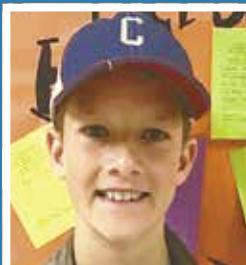
MADISON MONDAY
Mrs. Morris', 3rd Gr
 She is always working
 hard!



BARRETT SHERRILL
Mrs. Hook's, PreK
 He listens to his teacher
 and always does the right
 thing.



GIDEON O'DELL
Mrs. Blanford's, 4th Gr
 He works very hard in Art
 and is always doing what
 he is supposed to do.



TRAPPER GODFREY
Mrs. Derrick's, 4th Gr
 He always listens and
 follows instructions. He
 patiently waits on his
 classmates. His teachers
 appreciate his leadership
 in class!

Transform My Community Contest

BY AMANDA HERNANDEZ
 STUDENT REPORTER

The Claude FFA Chapter has succeeded in a number of contests, events, and personal goals thanks to the students involved, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the students are the only ones supporting their chapter. Parents and other community members are all for and behind the Claude FFA Chapter. One specific person however would be Jarret Weinheimer. Mr. Weinheimer is a cotton farmer in Groom, Texas and the father of Jakob and Jacey Weinheimer who are members of the Claude FFA.

Earlier this year, Mr. Weinheimer entered a contest called Transform My Community. Transform My Community is an online contest made by Dow AgroSciences and co-sponsored by Cotton Farming, specifically for cotton farmers or consultants to enter. The farmers or consultants send in a 500 word application explaining a charity or organization they believe helps transform their community. The prize of the winner would be a total of \$10,000 which would be donated to the participant's chosen organization or charity on behalf of the participant and a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler. The 2 people who are named runner ups each win a pair of Nikon Aculon A211 10x50 binoculars.

Mr. Weinheimer entered and decided the Claude FFA chapter would be his chosen organization that he personally believes transforms his community. "FFA has greatly impacted

and improved my life. I love all it has to offer students. Lessons and experiences I have gained that I fall back on daily. I was told about this Dow giveaway by another Claude FFA supporter and went to bat for our local chapter. I want to do whatever I can to ensure Claude FFA members can have the same great experience I had in FFA." says Mr. Weinheimer. Unfortunately, Mr. Weinheimer did not win but did get one of the runner up positions. "The grand prize would have been nice, but a \$1000 is still an awesome prize!" states Mr. Weinheimer.

The Claude FFA chapter is very grateful to have such dedicated supporters such as Mr. Weinheimer and appreciates everything he does and has done for the chapter. Although he didn't win, his efforts and thoughts on the chapter are still worth \$10,000 to the Claude FFA. Thanks to him and many other supporters, the students are influenced to strive for greatness and succeed in all they do, making themselves and their community proud.

2018 UMW Bazaar is Coming Soon!



The annual United Methodist Women Bazaar is a place for the community to gather, socialize, and enjoy some delicious food. photo courtesy of UMW

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LYNDA CORBIN, UMW REPORTER

For over 50 years Claude's United Methodist Women have been holding a bazaar in the fall. Things have changed over those years but the bazaar keeps on. This year it will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The food offered will be familiar – chili, stew, pimento sandwiches, cornbread, chips and PIES. There will also be a bake sale and crafts. Best of all is the visiting and fellowship with others who come to promote the UMW.

Each year Claude's UMW contributes to help others in our community as well as missions in Tex-

as and around the world. Some organizations who receive donations from us are: Wesley Foundations, The Bridge, Four Corners School, McCurdy School, CASA, Martha's Home, Faith City Ministries. We help those in need in Claude with contributions to camp tuitions, Snack Packs, work on our church and parsonage.

Bobby Elliott says "we appreciate your participation in the bazaar so we can continue to spread the love of God to others".

Hope to see you this year on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Sudoku

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ARMSTRONG COUNTY MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS - Tues. Oct. 30th, 6:00 p.m., Art Gallery/Gem Theatre

HALLOWEEN - Wed. Oct. 31st, ALL DAY, Please be safe if you plan to go out and Trick-or-Treat

COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Sat. Nov. 3rd, 7:00 a.m., hosted by First Baptist Church, All men of the Community are Welcome to Attend for a morning of Fellowship and Prayer

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL - Sat. Nov. 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Armstrong County Activity Building, Everyone welcome to attend this Claude Methodist Church Outreach Fundraiser

PTO MEETING - Tues. Nov. 6th, 3:00 p.m., Claude Elementary Cafeteria

AGRILIFE "OLD FASHIONED PIE MAKING" - Thurs. Nov. 8th, 6:00 pm., Armstrong County Activities Building; \$20 for the class

CISD EARLY DIMISSAL - Fri. Nov. 9th, Don't forget school's out early today!

VETERANS DAY - Sun. Nov. 11th, ALL DAY, Thank someone who fought for your freedom!

VETERANS DAY (OBSERVED) - Mon. Nov. 12th, ALL DAY, School, Postal, and Bank Holiday

HOLIDAY ROAD SHOW - Thurs. Nov. 15th, 6:00 p.m., Armstrong County Activities Building, \$15 for holiday foods and crafts

COMMUNITY BENEVOLENCE SERVICE - Sun. Nov. 18th, 6:00 p.m.

CISD NO SCHOOL - Mon. Nov. 19th thru Fri. Nov. 23, ALL DAY. Staff/ Student Holiday

THANKSGIVING - Thurs. Nov. 22nd, ALL DAY, School, Postal, and Bank Holiday. Find something to be thankful for this year!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - Tues. Nov. 27th, 6:00 p.m., The Burrow. Come and join us. You don't have to be a member to attend.

SHOP IN CLAUDE - Sat. Dec. 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Armstrong County Activity Center

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ON THE SQUARE - Sat. Dec. 1st, TBA, Courthouse Square

PTO MEETING - Tues. Dec. 4th, 3:00 p.m., Claude Elementary Cafeteria

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA PERFORMANCE - Sun. Dec. 16th, 6:00 p.m., The Community Choir will be Performing "Come and See. Go and Tell". Everyone is welcome to Attend!

CISD EARLY DIMISSAL - Fri. Dec. 21st, Don't forget school's out early today!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 27th

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Tabby Hardin
Cate Bowles

October 28th

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Jeesiah Holt

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Celebrating Halloween Safely With Dogs

(StatePoint) Over half of pet parents plan to dress up their dogs for Halloween, according to a Wag! survey.

Is your pup getting in on the Halloween fun? The experts at Wag!, on on-demand dog walking company, say that it's important to keep Halloween activities safe and comfortable for dogs. A Halloween dog costume should never cover eyes, ears or noses or be

a choking hazard.

While all those sweet treats are exiting for kids – and even some adults -- it's important to stash such trick-or-treating loot safely away from pets, as common candy ingredients can be toxic to dogs.

You can help ensure a spooktacular Halloween for the entire family, including pets, by taking precautions to keep the celebration hazard-free.



DRESS UP YOUR DOG SAFELY



- Don't cover your dog's eyes, ears, or nose
- Avoid choking hazards like buttons
- Check fit to ensure costume doesn't restrict movement
- Consider a reflective collar or light to increase visibility

NO SWEET TREATS!



- Dogs can get sick from common ingredients in candy: Chocolate, raisins, and macadamia nuts are poisonous
- The sugar-free sweetener Xylitol is highly toxic to dogs

SAFETY TRICKS



- Avoid doorbell stress by keeping your dog in a quiet area of your home
- When trick-or-treating, make sure your dog can't escape the leash, collar or harness if spooked

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To make certain that our customers continuously receive quality service, any service problems can be reported to Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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To be eligible for Lifeline, a customer's annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines or a customer must receive benefits from or have a child in the household who receives benefits from at least one of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA); Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; National School Lunch Program's free lunch program; or health benefits coverage under the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Lifeline service is limited to one discount per household. A household is everyone who lives in the home (including children and people who are not related to the customer) and shares income and household expenses (bills, food, etc.). A customer with Lifeline service may not transfer the Lifeline benefit to any other person; Lifeline is a nontransferable benefit.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Cooperative's business office at (806) 668-4420 or by contacting the Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) at (866) 454-8387 or by accessing the Texas Lifeline Self-Enrollment website at <https://www.texaslifeline.org/>.

October, 2018

ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA

Mid Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("la Cooperativa"), es comedido a traer sus servicios de telecomunicaciones de calidad de clientes en precios económicos en todas partes de su territorio de servicio. Los servicios locales básicos son ofrecidos en los precios mensuales siguientes:

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DESCUENTOS DISPONIBLES PARA CLIENTES DE BAJO INGRESO

La Cooperativa ofrece precios reducidos al bajo ingreso elegible consumidores residenciales conforme a un programa de ayuda del gobierno llamado la Cuerda de salvamento. El Programa de Cuerda de salvamento federal es un ofrecimiento de servicio local de venta al público diseñado para poner el teléfono a disposición y/o el servicio de broadband en precios reducidos a clientes de bajo ingreso eliminatorios. La cuerda de salvamento proporciona mensualmente descuentos al servicio de telefonía de voz de un cliente elegible (servicio de casa o inalámbrico, pero no ambos). Los clientes que son elegibles para la Cuerda de salvamento son también elegibles para el peaje que se obstruye sin cargo adicional.

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El servicio de cuerda de salvamento es limitado con un descuento por unidad familiar. Una unidad familiar es cada uno que vive en el de casa (incluso niños y la gente que no está relacionada con el cliente) y los ingresos de partes y los gastos de unidad familiar (cuentas, alimento, etc.). Un cliente con el servicio de Cuerda de salvamento puede no transferir la ventaja de Cuerda de salvamento a ninguna otra persona; la Cuerda de salvamento es una ventaja no transferible.

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Octubre de 2018

Junior High Cross Country Finishes Strong

BY MATTIE KATE LOVELL
STUDENT REPORTER

The unsung heroes of Claude ISD, the Junior High athletes, competed in their district cross country meet on Monday, October 15th in Groom, Texas. The meet had already been delayed from its original date, October 8th, due to rainy conditions, but unfortunately, the weather had not improved much since then. It took grit to compete in freezing conditions, but nonetheless, the athletes simply put on their cold gear and went to work as they circled around Groom's famous cross.

Maddox Scoggins, one of the eleven Lady Colts who competed, brought home the district title with a time of 15:30. "I felt pretty confident at the beginning of the race," Scoggins said. "I've been training hard, so I was very proud of myself when I won. All of my hard work has paid off."

The rest of the Lady Colts finished strong as well, earning the team 3rd place overall.

Bree Eddleman-12th
Avery Eddleman-13th
Baylee Gabel-17th
Andi Holland-19th
Layla Godfrey-22nd
Haley McLaughlin-25th
K'Lynn Menz-35th
Allison Stone- 36th
Tyler Caudill-41st
Taylor Caudill-45th

The Claude Colts managed to secure 3rd place as a team also. Their top runner, Tyler Harper, finished in 3rd place with a time of 13:50. "I was proud of myself for placing 3rd," Harper said. "There was some tough competition that re-

ally pushed me. I'm looking forward to high school next year, and I hope to do even better then."

The remainder of the team was close together, making for an even better overall score.

Hunter Lovell-18th
Dawson Ensey-20th
Landry Cantu-23rd
Jayden Blandford-24th

Junior High athletes are often overlooked due to their age and the dominance of high school sports, but this group of Colts and Lady Colts are definitely worth taking note of. Their top-notch performance shows great promise for the future of Mustang and Lady Stang athletics. The community should be proud of them and keep an eye out for their names for the next several years to come.

Marching Band

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The Mustangs took the field at Dick Bivins Stadium and presented "Caliente", their 2018 marching routine, for the judges. photo courtesy of Shelley Thornton

ble without Mrs. Thornton!"

Junior Millie Graham said "I am so proud of the band this year. We all worked long and hard hours in order to make a one. I hope to make a Sweepstakes this year. Una Vez Mas!"

Several spectators were impressed by the performance of such a dedicated band. Debbie Carter, the grandma of Danielle and Alyssa Higgs, was in awe of the band's performance. "I am so happy Claude received a one!

Their performance was incredible and I am excited to watch them for the rest of the years to come."

The band performed well on Saturday, bringing a trophy home to display. They will march their show at the last few upcoming football games. Bring your popcorn because this is a band that is extremely talented and entertaining to watch.

Athletes OF THE Week



MATTIE KATE LOVELL, KATIE EICHELMAN, & ALYSSA HIGGS

Mattie Kate Lovell, Alyssa Higgs and Katie Eichelmann all qualified to run in the state cross meet. Mattie Kate is the region 1 class A Champion with a time of 12:14. Katie place 6th individually with time of 13:03. Alyssa placed 7th individually with a time of 13:04. These girls will be making the trip to run at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, Texas on Saturday November 3.

MATTHEW RYAN

He has been constantly taking care of his job on and off the field this year allowing for his teammates to take care of their job on the field. He is averaging 3 carries for 8 yards a carry and 2.5 tackles a game. Against Balmorhea he had 3 carries for 13 yards and 3 tackles.



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Snack Pak for Kids Packing Night

BY SYDNEY KNOX
STUDENT REPORTER

Monday, October 22, Snack Pack for Kids held their first community wide packing. There was a good turnout with a wide array of ages. Kids from three years old to adults all worked vigorously to pack for the twenty-seven kids that Claude's Snack Pack reaches. Director, Jessica Bevill, commented, "I was very pleased with the turnout from our community packing night! We packed over 300 bags in around 30 minutes!" The night was an overall success and everyone left feeling satisfied with their hard work.

A little background



on Claude ISD's Snack Pack for Kids: they have three volunteers that pack the kids snack bags once a week. Last year they were packing forty bags a week for the children in our community. They run purely on donations made by people throughout the community. It only takes a donation of \$150 to feed a child for a whole year. SP4k is the or-

ganization that runs Snack Packs all over the country. They have recently partnered with Clint & Sons to receive beef sticks. For every beef stick bought at Allsup's, Cefco, TX Tea, Pak-a-Sak, and Toot'n'Totum, Clint & Sons donates a beef stick to SP4k.

This is a great way to give back to your community and help others who are in need. There are two different ways you can help if you are interested contact Jessica Bevill at jessie.bevill@claudeisd.net or (806)226-3522, or you can give online to the snack pack organization or at the Claude Elementary office. Please be sure to specify that you are donating to Claude's organization if done online.

As Halloween fast-approaches, make sure potential fire hazards don't spook the day!

October 23, 2018 – Halloween is a fun, festive holiday for kids and adults alike, but it does present potential fire hazards. As the holiday fast-approaches, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourages everyone to keep fire safety in mind, and to take simple safety precautions that can help ensure a safe, fire-free day.

"Halloween is an exciting day for trick-or-treating, costume-wearing and creative home decorating," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "These activities do present potential fire hazards, however, so it's important to keep safety in mind when preparing for the holiday."

According to NFPA statistics, between 2012 and 2016, decorations were the item first ignited in an estimated average of 800 reported home structure fires per year, resulting in an average of two civilian deaths, 34 civilian

injuries and \$11 million in direct property damage. The decoration was too close to a heat source such as a candle or equipment in two of every five (42 percent) of these fires.

NFPA offers these tips and recommendations to help ensure a fire-safe Halloween:

Costumes: When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long-trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame.

Visibility: Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costumes. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he/she can see clearly out of it.

Flammable decorations: Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Candles/jack-o-lanterns: It is safest to use a glow stick or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. If you

choose to use candle decorations, make sure to keep them well attended at all times. Do not leave them near flammable objects or where trick-or-treaters may walk. Remind your children to avoid open flames. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.

Exits: Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

NFPA also provides safety tips via a Halloween safety video that emphasizes preparedness to ensure that costumes and decorations are flame-resistant. Preventative methods are essential in reducing the risks associated with the Halloween holiday. Visit the Sparky the Fire Dog® website to find tip sheets, kids' activities, a pumpkin-carving template and more.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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Questions???

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Response to: "At the Crossroads"

SUBMITTED BY
KAY HENARD, CHAIR
ARMSTRONG COUNTY MUSEUM

This letter is in response to Mark Schrader's letter titled "At the Crossroads" published Oct. 19 in The Claude News. The interest of citizens in the future of the Armstrong County Museum (ACM), Gem Theatre (Gem), Goodnight Historical Center (GHC) and more is sincerely appreciated. Here are several points that need to be reiterated or better clarified.

1. ACM, Inc. has existed for 28 years, since 1990, as a nonprofit organization with a governing Board of Directors. The Claude complex of museum buildings are the solid foundation of ACM, Inc. Yet the major revenue generator that exists to sustain ACM, Inc. is GHC which opened to the public only five years ago in April 2013. GHC is still young and has lots of growing room left to capitalize on.

2. Strengthening GHC as the key funding arm that helps supports all of ACM, Inc. continues to be both challenging and productive. The core financial principle the Board has always operated under is this: Dollars expended will not exceed our ability to pay the bills. The organization continues to function by this principle that has kept its operation strong despite belt-tightening times for 28 years.

3. Heritage tourism is growing in Armstrong County and in the Panhandle of Texas (Economic Impact of Travel on Texas 2018). Armstrong County has multiple pioneer families whose history and investment in our area's agriculture-based economy and life have been vital to the tenacity and

success of the region. Few are better-known icons of this region than Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight. He still appears in history textbooks as well as fictional accounts of the west like Lonesome Dove. The 1887 Charles Goodnight home and ranch acreage in Goodnight, TX, are important to continued travel tourism growth in Armstrong County and the Panhandle of Texas.

4. Planning for the future is a good business practice and is often vital to receiving funds from potential foundations and other funders. To this end, two valuable plans have been developed: our Sustainability Plan in 2017 and our GHC Site Master Plan in 2018.

5. The GHC Master Plan was funded by a foundation grant that ACM, Inc. won for \$59,600. It could only be spent on professional architectural work to conduct the master planning process and its outcomes. With major input from the Board and the public, five stand-alone phases were planned that will require at least ten years or more to achieve. No phase is locked in stone, yet all phases provide worthy vision and goals that have the potential to significantly increase visitor traffic as well as educational and cultural experiences.

6. While the total price tag, if all five phases of the GHC Master Plan were ultimately implemented, looks "staggering" at almost \$9m, each stand-alone phase will be carefully analyzed prior to pursuing that phase to assure a significant return on investment. Revenue generated will help support not only building any one phase but also main-

taining that phase as well as contributing to the overall support of ACM, Inc. Until money is raised to support a particular phase over time, no dollars will be expended on it. As with all Improvements for ACM, Inc., they are made as funds are available to support them.

The current ACM Board of Directors looks forward to hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting on Oct. 30, 6pm, at the Art Gallery of ACM, 120 N. Trice St., Claude. This meeting will reestablish the Annual Meeting which is required in our By-Laws but which we had mistakenly backed away from since 2014 due mostly to our significant voluntary commitment to GHC operations that were necessary yet time-consuming. We encourage you to renew or join as members so you can vote for up to 20 Board members whom you trust to be dedicated stewards of ACM, Inc. Anyone willing to serve is encouraged to consider being nominated to the Board. This meeting and election should remove any perceived threat to our non-profit 501c3 status.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the points in this letter. Questions and suggestions are welcomed.

Sincerely,

Kay F. Henard, Chair, on behalf of the current Board of Directors:
Bill Forbes, 1st VC
Roy Rutherford, 2nd VC
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Twila Baldwin, Joe L. Lovell, Martha Mathews, Peggy Meathenia, Sidney Mills, Dianne Ollinger, Tylan Shelton, Debbie Sherman, Don Sherman, Steve Sherrill, Michael Stavenhagen, & Jodie Stockett

Sheriff's Corner: A Note from Sheriff Barnett

It has been a very busy couple of weeks here at our office. We received 6 inmates from Potter County to hold for them. We also just sent back our last Sherman County Inmate. We have arrested several and been able to bond them out.

I was able to spend time with the wonderful ladies of the Unity Study Club. The group asked me to give a program on Human Trafficking. It is a very hard topic to speak about, since there are so many types of trafficking. The group asked some great questions. Some would benefit the community at large. The main group it would benefit is the students of our school, by presenting a program on the dangers of this type

of criminal activity. This is also a program that the parents should hear also.

We also were given notice that Deputy Bolanos will be leaving to go to Canyon PD. He will be missed in this department, but none of us blame him for going to a department where his pay will be doubled. Amber will also be leaving to go to another agency with better pay also. We are wishing them

both the best.

We have also hired a dispatcher that has just started out. Kyle has been with us a couple of days and should be able to pick it up quickly.

We are actively looking for a full time deputy along with a full time and part time dispatcher.

Everyone have a great week and a quiet weekend.

Fleta Barnett
Sheriff





Annual Meeting of Members Armstrong County Museum, Inc. 2018 Annual Election Meeting

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Letter to the Editor: Personal Thoughts on the Bond Issue

SUBMITTED BY
AMY LOVELL, PRESIDENT
CISD SCHOOL BOARD

Thank you to the community members that attended the two public meetings regarding plans for a possible bond election at Claude ISD. It has been a long process to get to this point, and we are still searching for the best path for our school as we try to balance the needs of our students with the constraints of a budget.

This journey began when the Board decided to engage the firm of Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper to conduct a facilities assessment in order to prioritize needs so we could be fiscally responsible while maintaining our facilities in the most efficient way. Since most of our buildings were constructed in the mid 1950's, that makes them around 65-years-old. Due to their age, it is more challenging and expensive to maintain our facilities each year.

The Board, along with a committee of community advisors, reviewed the facilities assessment. The assessment gave a detailed report of problems that need to be addressed. After weighing the cost of fixing the identified problems against the cost of building new construction, the committee of community advisors recommended to the Board that new construction might be the best path to take. The Board presented a conceptual drawing to the community at two different public meetings and asked for input from residents in the Claude ISD school district.

However, these proposed ideas were based

on the possibility of wind farms coming to Armstrong

County. The Board has signed a tax abatement agreement with a company called FGE that has shown interest in putting wind farms in Armstrong County. Signing this agreement is a critical step towards getting wind farms to agree to come to an area. Without the tax base these potential wind farms will provide, the concepts presented in the public meetings cannot happen. The price tag associated with the proposed ideas exceeds the limit of taxation that can be imposed on our current tax base. In other words, we cannot afford to build a new school without substantially increasing our tax base as something like a wind farm or other large corporation being built in Armstrong County would do.

Recently, the Board approved an extension to the agreements with FGE. That means the year 2020 is the earliest Armstrong County would see a wind farm. Due to this delay and the uncertainty of the wind farms actually being built, this leaves the Board with several questions to tackle. Should we seek to pass a smaller bond to make minimal improvements? Should we wait until the wind farms, hopefully, come to Armstrong County, so that we can maximize the financial benefit of a large company rather than ask the residents, land owners, current small businesses to bear the financial burden alone? If we try to pass a smaller bond now, will we be able to take advantage of the financial benefits if wind farms are

built in the future?

Whether you look at it from a construction standpoint, or whether you look at it from an educational standpoint, the facilities at Claude ISD undoubtedly need updating. Historically speaking, the current school is actually the third building to house the students of Claude, TX. These buildings have provided an excellent educational environment for approximately half the time Claude schools have been in existence. But, as with any type of man-made construction, these buildings will not last forever. To extend the lives of these buildings, it will take a major financial investment at some point in time. From an educational perspective, these buildings were designed to facilitate instruction in the 1950's.

Obviously, things

have changed since the 1950's. Just as job training and education are different today than they were in the 1950's at places such as Pantex, banks, or farming/ranching operations, schools have changed the way education is delivered to students. Education, out of necessity, is vastly different in many ways in 2018 than it was in the 1950's. These changes in educational techniques have led to changes in the ways school facilities are designed. To name a few, nowadays schools are designed to house an increasing amount of technology which adds multiple considerations to construction projects. The electrical infrastructures alone are vastly different than the requirements in the 1950's. The layout of elementary classrooms must be considered to allow teachers to

address students' individual needs as dictated by the State of Texas. Above all else, sadly, the safety and security of school buildings must be of the highest priority in today's society. None of these things were considered when our current buildings were constructed.

The Board is faced with the complex challenge of providing our current students as well as future students for many years to come with the best, safest educational environment possible while being fiscally responsible with taxpayers' money. In the coming weeks, we will seek input and guidance from our committee of community advisors to determine the best way to proceed with addressing this challenge. I am optimistic that the residents of Armstrong County will be supportive of providing for the children of today as

well as the children of the future just as our parents and grandparents did before us. And although we might sometimes disagree on the details, I am confident everyone involved wants to make the best decisions possible for the well-being of our entire community.

With sincere service,

Amy Lovell
Claude ISD Board
President

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(StatePoint) Nearly half of consumers have encountered an emergency expense in the past year, but when it comes to financially preparing for the unexpected, many fall short, according to CIT Bank's new Summer Savings Survey conducted by The Harris Poll. What's more, the survey also found that many consumers don't have the savings to afford the planned expense of the

vacations they take. "More than one in four consumers don't save anything for unexpected events such as a home repair or health expense," says Ravi Kumar, head of Internet Banking for CIT Bank. "Over another quarter report saving less than 5 percent of their monthly household income for emergencies." How are consumers making ends meet? Fam-

ly and credit cards top the list of resources Americans rely on for financial support during emergencies. As for the planned expense of a vacation, approximately one in three (29 percent) report taking extreme actions to pay their way, including taking out a bank loan, going into debt, cleaning out a savings account, borrowing money or maxing out a credit card. "Americans can do

more to ensure their lifestyles and savings priorities are aligned," says Kumar. "But saving wisely is key." To plan the monthly amount that you'll need to save for peace of mind, utilize free resources, such as CIT Bank's online calculators at bankoncit.com/calculators. Then, consider looking for an account that will make your savings work harder and offer

some flexibility. For example, with a Money Market Account from CIT Bank, consumers can earn interest on their savings while maintaining the option to make withdrawals at any time. With no monthly maintenance fees, a minimum account balance requirement, and transaction capabilities, consumers can save without sacrificing their earnings throughout the process.

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses? When it comes to happy occasions, like vacations, as well as the unexpected, being prepared can safeguard you against zeroing out your account or going into debt.

NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING – ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS
AVISO DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA – CONDADO DE ARMSTRONG, TEXAS

For the General Election

November 6, 2018
 6 de November 2018

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE LOCATIONS:
LOCALIDADES PARA LA VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA EN PERSONA:

Armstrong County Courthouse: 101 S. Trice Claude, Texas 79019

PERSONAL APPEARANCE TIMES AND DATES FOR ABOVE LOCATIONS:
FECHAS Y HORAS DE LA VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA EN PERSONA:

October 22-31 (22-31 de October) 8:00 AM – 5 PM
 November 1-2 (1-2 de November) 8:00 AM – 5 PM

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL: (VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA POR CORREO):

Applications for voting by mail must be received no later than the close of business (5 PM) on October 26, 2018.
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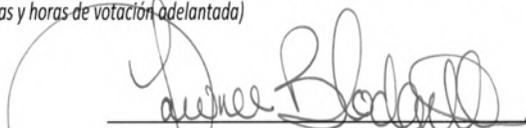
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 ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Claude, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Claude, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2018, for voting in a General Election to elect Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct offices of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de noviembre de 2018 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Miembros de la Legislatura y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y precinto del Estado de Texas.

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HALLOWEEN IN THE ATTIC

Throughout the year, the Startleston's attic is quiet. It is filled with boxes of family treasures, old toys and clothing. Dust bunnies slowly collect and grow in the corners and behind the furniture. Cobwebs stretch between the beams.

But every Halloween, the attic comes alive! The Startleston kids head up the creaky steps and open the old trunks looking for costumes and decorations.

- Look around the attic to find:**
- 7 skulls
 - 9 paint brushes
 - 3 toy spiders
 - 5 hats
 - 6 pumpkins
 - 3 dolls
 - 4 masks
 - 1 candelabra
 - 4 light strings

Put the lollipops in the Halloween bucket.



How many bats can you find on this page? Have a friend try. Who found more?

Stacy Startleston is trying on masks she found in the attic. Which two are exactly the same?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.



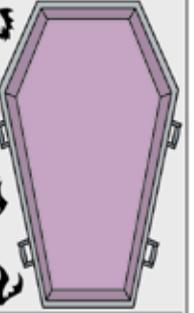
How many differences can you find between Byron Startleston and his reflection?



Extra! Extra! Halloween Search

Look through the newspaper for the letters that spell each Halloween word. Cut out the letters and glue them in the coffin.

- Costume
- Candy
- Trick
- Treat
- Goblin
- Ghost
- Witch
- Bats
- Mummy
- Princess



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.

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Pumpkin Patterns

In each row below, draw the Jack O'Lantern face that continues that row's pattern.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Count Alucard's castle was a total mess. Several PLURAL NOUN were floating in the courtyard fountain. A ADJECTIVE NOUN was tangled in some cobwebs above the parlour. The staircase was covered in ADJECTIVE NOUN. An ADJECTIVE NOUN had been knocked over and broken.

Double Double Word Search

- HALLOWEEN
- COSTUMES
- GOBLIN
- CREAKY
- WITCH
- GHOST
- TRICK
- TREAT
- CANDY
- TRUNK
- ALIVE
- ATTIC
- QUIET
- DUST
- OLD

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.

"INTERJECTION!" cried Count Alucard. "This mess makes my blood boil!"

"We'll help you clean up the place," said his niece Rue, as his nephew Muerto began to VERB the entry way.

Soon, Rue had PAST TENSE VERB through the first floor, replacing the suit of armor's NOUN. Muerto cleaned up the courtyard, planting fresh PLURAL NOUN all around the castle moat. They worked together to remove the ADJECTIVE NOUN from the castle's ADJECTIVE tower.

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Create a Problem

Choose an article or advertisement in today's newspaper and use the information to make up a math word problem. Trade problems with a friend and compare your answers.

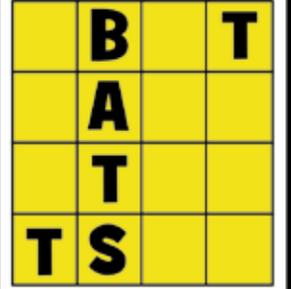
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On! Halloween Jokes

Make a list of your favorite Halloween jokes and riddles. Then read them aloud to your family on Halloween.

Kid Scoop-doku

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



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