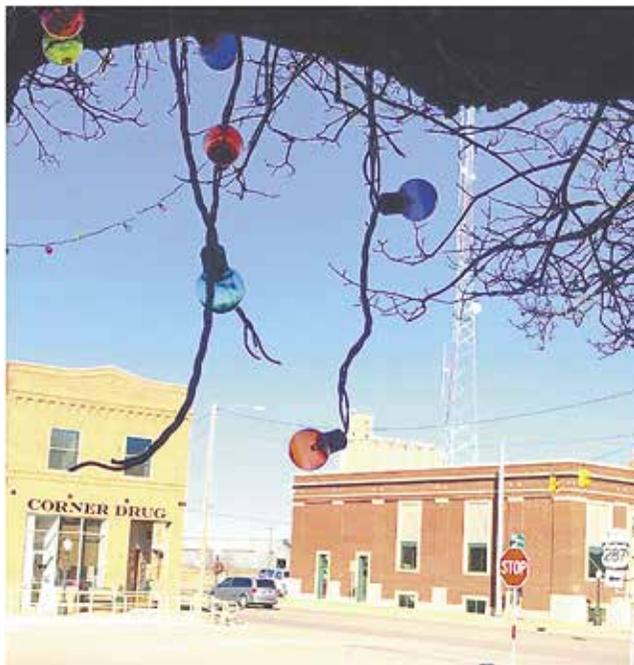


Vandals Cut Christmas Lights around Courthouse Square

BY GENA RAY,
 ARMSTRONG COUNTY
 BEATIFICATION AND HOLIDAY
 DECORUM

The Christmas on the Square and lighting of the courthouse was a great success this year. Many people came out for the event and made it a success for all vendors and merchants involved. All the trees were sponsored this year and decorated beautifully. It was not uncommon to see traffic passersby pull off, circle the square and head on their way. Some took time for quick picture by a pretty tree or the firetruck. Locals, too many to count, commented on the lights and talked of making fond memories.

Armstrong County Beautification and Holiday Decorum or better known as the lighting committee are continuing to work on plans to add more lights and decorations next year. The idea is to expand the



decorations each year from the square to throughout the communities.

The lights that were used to decorate the trees well, only 3 strands were lost due to the winds and after each passing high wind day the volunteers were diligent in following up to rehang or replace lights if needed. Here is

where our story takes a turn to the negative. A few days before Christmas day it was noticed that several trees had much of their lights out. Upon investigation it was noticed that several of the lights had been cut and not destroyed due to weather. The Sheriff's department was contacted and Chief Deputy responded and corroborated our



suspicious. A report was made with the estimated value of the vandalism costing around \$1,000.00. Armstrong County Beautification Committee refuses to allow this to be a setback to a positive event in the community and will continue to prepare for fu-

ture events. The Scrooge or The Grinch would not agree with such actions of destruction. The Committee asks for future years that the community watch and report any suspicious activities around the courthouse displays.

Armstrong County

Beautification would like to thank all of the private citizens and business that sponsored or participated in the lighting around the square and are truly sorry for the ones who lost out in their investment of lights due to such meanness.



Claude Chamber of Commerce holds January Meeting

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The monthly meeting of Claude Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday, January 8th at the Armstrong County Museum Art Gallery. At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by the Chamber President, Tessa Waddell. Many chamber members were present in addition to some visitors from the community.

Before preceding to the financial report, everyone was reminded that the minutes from the last meeting were posted in the Chamber's member only Facebook group. The financial report was then given by the Chamber Treasurer, Jami Nite. The account balance in the Chamber's general fund was \$3,803. 76 through December. Cash donations were collected for Dash for Claude Cash promotion, and bills were paid for the Chamber's P.O. Box and Dash for Claude Cash Advertising. Dues for 2019 are currently being collected with \$100 collected prior to the time of the meeting.

After the financial report, other open issues were discussed. First was a presentation about the Dash for Claude Cash promotion given by Howard Heath. 2,000 tickets were printed and distributed to participating Dash for Cash vendors. 763 tickets were turned in the night of the drawing. 87% of everyone who turned in tickets completed all the biographical data on the back. Johnny's gave out the most tickets. All businesses which participated had tickets turned in from their business. 96% of the tickets turned in belonged to Claude residents.

Next, Tessa Waddell read Billie Peden's report on the Shop in Claude event held on December 1, 2018. Peden reported that 360 attendees were counted and there were over 40 vendor booths. There is a bank balance of \$475.00 in the account for use for next year's advertising and event. Peden asks the Chamber to consider taking over the event.

A report was also given by Lendon Ray about the Christmas on the Square event held the same day. Ray says, "The Event was a success! Since the event, we have had many people and families stop to take pictures with the lights and the vintage fire truck too." There were event attendees from Claude as well as visitors from outside the area too. Unfortunately, 5 of the trees were vandalized sometime after the event. There was approximately \$1,000 worth of damage done. A report has been filed with the Sheriff's Office. Tessa Waddell, Howard Heath, and Susan Overcast plan to speak to Claude ISD Superintendent, Brock Cartwright, about the scheduling of game times for the tournament next year and further community cooperation in scheduling school and community events.

Waddell also presented the numbers for the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive held on December 1st. "The blood drive had a goal of 12 donors," said Waddell. "They met their goal 100%." According to the blood drive coordinators, other potential donors planned to participate but were unable to pass the pre-screening at this time. Coffee Memorial would

like to come back and do another blood drive in the future.

After the presentations, the meeting moved on to new business. Chamber member, Susan Overcast, talked about 2019 Chamber membership. Membership benefits sheets were handed out as well as forms for updating member information. New membership rates are \$25 for individuals and non-profits and \$50 for businesses. Dues are due annually as of January 1st. We have several businesses in the community that still haven't joined the Chamber yet so there is quite a bit of potential for growth. Last year, our high was 47 members. We continue to welcome new businesses to the community and encourage them to join the Chamber. Please continue to encourage others to join.

The non-profit status of the Chamber was discussed with Mark Schrader. Some individuals have asked, "When will Claude become a real chamber?" We are! We don't have to be a non-profit to be considered a valid Chamber but there are certain benefits to becoming a 501 (c)4 or 6—especially when it comes to pursuing grants and other funding opportunities. Right now, Schrader suggests that the Chamber needs to find things which will bring in a reliable income stream. Amy Lovell added that, in her experience, 85-90% of all money received by organizations like the Chamber come from donations made by individuals. Schrader added that we simply need to figure out what we want to do and start at the State level of becoming a cor-

poration or non-profit and move up from there. Cecil Miskin offered to pay the fees involved in becoming a corporation and made a motion that the Claude Chamber of Commerce incorporate as a Texas Not for Profit Organization. Motion was seconded by Lendon Ray. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Looking forward to 2019, Tessa Waddell asked Chamber members in attendance to share what they would like to see from the Chamber in 2019. Suggestions included member education classes, continuing to work on community communication, continuing to build on the momentum established in 2018, encouraging lodging and daycare options, businesses cross promoting one another, and sparking our community to do bigger and better things.

The Claude Chamber of Commerce invites the community to be involved in all of the Upcoming Activities (ME=Member Event) (CE=Chamber Event) around town. Susan Overcast handles the community calendar and takes submissions for both Chamber and non-Chamber events. Email upcoming events to claudenchamber@claudetx.org. Upcoming events are as follows:

- Citywide Garage Sale – 5/04/19 ME
- Caprock Round Up 7/11/19-7/13/19 CE
- For upcoming Community Events visit the Community Calendar on the Website

The next meeting of the Claude Chamber of Commerce will be held on February 4th at 6 p.m. Location TBA.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ARMSTRONG CO. MUSEUM(ACM) AND GOODNIGHT HISTORICAL CENTER(GHC)
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4-H SEW DAY - Sat. Jan. 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Armstrong County Activities Building

ARMSTRONG CO. MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS - BOARD RETREAT - Sat., Jan. 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Am. Co. Museum Board Room, with working lunch.

COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Sat. Feb. 2nd, 7:00 a.m., hosted by First Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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January 31st

Clay Conrad

Jonah Lara

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January 29th

Luke Boxwell

Kenah Cox

Bailey Morrow

Taylor White

Tim Wilson

February 1st

Michelle Bowles

Shirley Floyd

Cassidy Lane

Mandy Hatfield

January 30th

Brittney Irby

Athletes OF THE Week



ALYSSA HIGGS

Alyssa Higgs is our athlete of the week. Alyssa is one of the most teachable athletes I have ever coached. Her hustle in the game and more importantly, during practice has assisted this team greatly. Alyssa continues to improve and is a huge asset to this entire program.

KADYN STEPHENSON

Kadyn Stephenson is our athlete of the week. He has really stepped up and had a couple of big games for us. His offensive production is as high as it has been this season. More importantly, he is a good defender and draws the responsibility of defending some of our toughest opponents. So when someone gets a hot hand he is one that we look to, to slow them down.



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TUES., JANUARY 29TH

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Nachos Grande, Refried Beans, Salsa, Cucumber, Tomato Cup, Peaches, & Milk

WED., JANUARY 30TH

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Burrito, Corn, Salsa, Veggie Cup, Fruit, & Milk

THUR., JANUARY 31ST

Breakfast: Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Roll, Brown Gravy, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Bananas, & Milk

FRI., FEBRUARY 1ST

Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit, & Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Apple, Brownie, & Milk

*Substitute Item will be Served to PreK

Lady Stangs' have Mixed Results in Districts

BY ALYSSA HIGGS
STUDENT REPORTERS

The Claude Lady Mustangs are closing their district season. The second half of the season is important for securing a spot in the playoffs.

On January 15, 2019, the girls took on McLean. Having the advantage of being home, Claude put up a fight. They battled for a victory without ceasing, but unfortunately they lost.

During the first quarter, Claude scored eleven points. McLean managed to scrape up 14 points. By halftime, the score was 22-25 in McLean's favor. After a ten minute pause, the

'Stangs managed to catch their breath and engage once again. Claude fought viciously until the final buzzer, but they missed a victory by five points. The final score was 56-51.

Senior Shiloh Heck was the leading scorer and rebounder. She contributed 17 points and 14 rebounds. The second leader in points was sophomore Aubrie Brannon. She scored 13 points and rebound 12 times. Another senior, Kaylee Jackson, had the third highest amount of points. She scored 11 points.

Then, on January 18th, the Lady 'Stangs travelled to Lefors. There, they had

a crushing victory.

When the first quarter ended, the score was 38-0 in Claude's favor. By half-time, Claude still held the lead. The score was 65-5. The final score of the game was 101 points to 14 points.

The Lady Mustangs will continue to close their district season, working towards a spot in the playoffs.



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On January 14, 2019 Judge Dianne Samaniego presented to approximately 80 newly elected Justice of the Peace Judges in Austin Texas. The TJCTC is responsible for providing all mandatory education for New Judges and returning Judges.

The presentation topics were Criminal Law - Driver Safety and Deferral and Criminal Law - Other Issues. The new JP's were divided into classes by size of court. Judge Samaniego's group was Small Courts - precincts of less than approx. 60,000. During 2018, Armstrong County Justice Court had 1,881 criminal cases filed.

Judge Dianne Samaniego was appointed

as Justice of the Peace in Armstrong County in October 2013. She is currently entered into her 2 full term in January of 2019. Judge Samaniego has been a mentor judge for new judges since 2016. She is an active member of the Justice of the Peace and Constable Association, where she serves on the JP Clerk Education Committee as a facilitator and a faculty member. She has previously served on the JPCA Legislative Committee and has testified as an expert witness during a Senate Hearing.

Judge Samaniego is married to her husband Reggie and they have two children, JesLee and Kyra. She is the daughter of Michael and Shirley Stavenhagen and has been a lifetime resident of Armstrong County.

STAR STUDENTS

**WEEK OF
JANUARY 25, 2018**



ALAN GARCIA
Mrs. Minkley's, 2nd Gr
Alan has great manners!
He ALWAYS holds the door open for me!



ALEX WARREN
Mrs. Holland's, 6th Gr
Alex was playing a game with a student who has a visual impairment. Round after round he showed mercy and kindness to this student. I am very proud of him!



AMBRIE GARDNER
Mrs. Blandford's, 4th Gr
Ambrie is very helpful and shows tremendous character with the younger students!



CORBIN JARAMILLO
Mrs. Grange's, K
Corbin had an awesome week in the classroom!

Senior Spotlight



The week, The Claude News shines the Senior Spotlight on Cierra Maddox. Cierra and her family have lived in Claude for eighteen years. Cierra listed US History as her favorite class, Mrs. Burell, her favorite teacher. She loves chicken strips, the color teal, and the USF softball team.

After graduating Cierra plans on attending West Texas A&M to major in the medical field, she hopes to become a Registered Nurse. During her years here, she was in Band for four years and Softball for four years. Her favorite memory from CHS is "Going to the playoffs for softball." In her free time Cierra likes to hang out with her niece and she can also sing in Spanish.

Cierra states her niece Shayden as her role model. "She has had a really hard experience and she always pushes through." The thing she will miss the most about Claude is "the small community and how everyone is like a huge family." Cierra hopes to one day visit Paris. Cierra is ready to take on the world, world be ready!

Cierra Maddox

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A **NEED** is something you must have in order to survive. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicine.

A **WANT** is something you would like to have, but can live without. A music player, computer, television and bike are wants not needs.

Wants and Needs

Just like people, raccoons have things they need to survive. Raccoons that live in the wild also like things they don't need to survive. Some of these "wants" can be dangerous to a raccoon.

This raccoon **needs** fruit. But he **wants** candy, which isn't good for him.

Look at each picture next to the raccoon. Write the word **NEED** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon needs to survive.

Write the word **WANT** next to each picture that shows something a raccoon might want, but not need.



Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

Raccoon Shelter

Shelter is a **need**. Raccoons prefer living in wooded areas where they make their homes or dens in the hollow parts of trees as well as abandoned burrows. Why do you think a raccoon would like its home to be in a hollow up high in a tree?

Today, raccoons also can be found in areas where people live. They sometimes make their homes in man-made structures like attics, sewers, barns and sheds.

Circle every other letter to reveal another raccoon need.

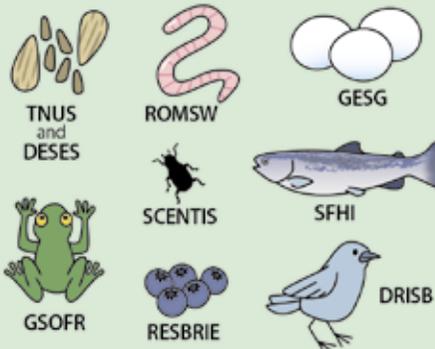
Help this little raccoon find its way home.

Good Food for Raccoons

Raccoons like to eat lots of different foods. Healthy food is a **need**. Are there foods that could be a **want** instead of a **need**?

While all animals need food to survive, raccoons will eat food that is healthy and good for them. But they will also look for and eat food that is bad for them. If they fill up on food that is not healthy, they can become sick and weak.

Unscramble the letters to spell each kind of food that is good for raccoons.



NOTE: It's not safe to offer wild raccoons food. Often the food isn't good for them. And when raccoons don't get the food they want, they can get aggressive.

Extra! Extra! Wants and Needs Search

Look through today's newspaper and circle things that humans **need** to survive in green. Underline things that could be called **wants** in red.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Raccoon Code
Use the code and discover these raccoon facts!



RACCOON SECRET CODE

A group of raccoons is called a **N 13 6 9 8 22 9 2**.

Raccoons are nocturnal, meaning they are mostly active at **13 18 20 19 7**.

Raccoons eat plants and animals. They are **12 14 13 18 5 12 9 12 6 8**.

Baby raccoons are called **16 18 7 8** and **24 6 25 8**.

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Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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FROGS
WANT
NEED
BIKE
WILD
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FOOD

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

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

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Raccoon Habitat Ad

Look at the house for sale or rent ads in the newspaper. Rewrite an ad as if you were selling or renting a home for a raccoon. Be sure to include how the home meets a raccoons wants and needs.

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

Write On!

What's the Difference?

What is the difference between **want** and **need**? Give examples.

Kid Scoop Together:

All Thumbs

Are raccoon hands like human hands?



Write the word **thumb** or **thumbs** in each of the blanks below to learn about raccoon and human hands.

You have an **opposable** _____ on each of your hands. What does that mean?

Take a look at your hand. You can move your _____ around and touch all of the other fingertips with it. This makes it possible for you to grab things, use tools and even hold a pencil to write.

Raccoons have _____, but they are not opposable _____.

Raccoons can move their _____ to the center of their palm and to their pinky finger. They can't touch their other fingers with their _____. Because of this, they do not have opposable _____.

Opposable comes from the word **opposite**. Your _____ can be placed in the opposite direction to your fingers, allowing you to hold things.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students correctly use singular or plural nouns.

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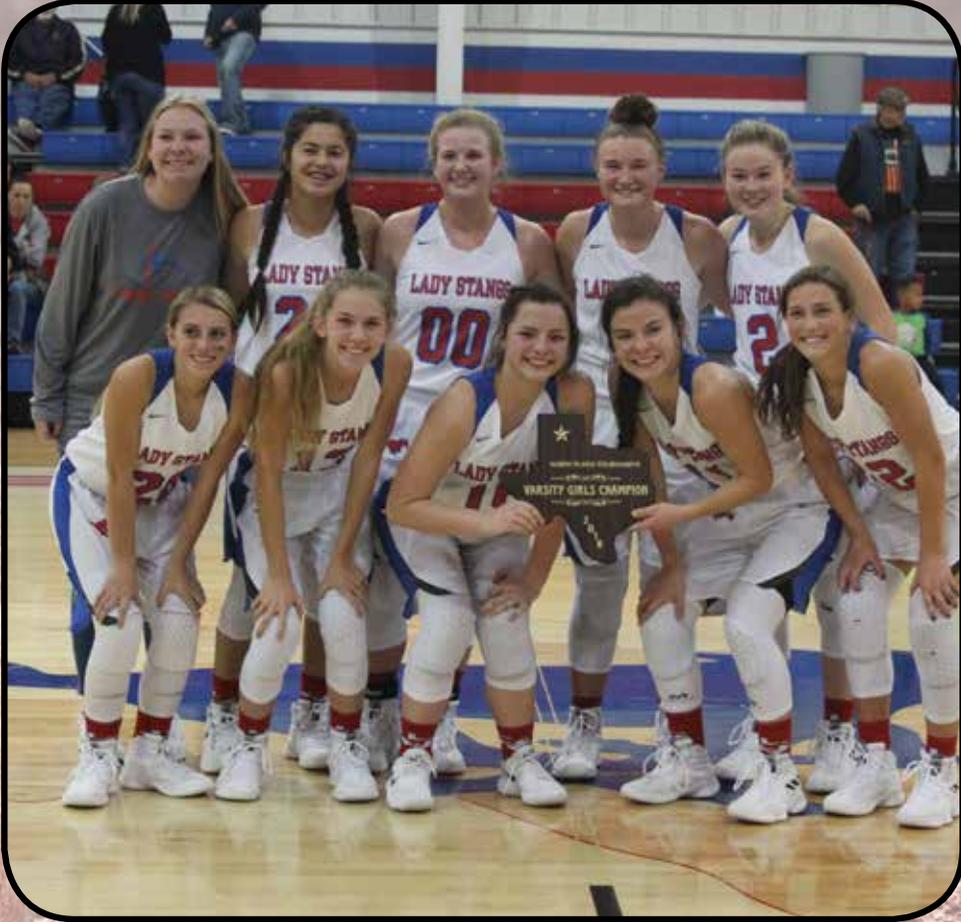
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