



In Plain View

Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

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Theatre shows support for Lady Riley



Following One-Act Play Zone Competition held in Amarillo on March 1, the PHS Theatre Department's one-act play, "Rivers and Ravines", advanced to district competition. PHS theatre director Jennifer Riley (center), affectionately known as "Lady Riley" to her students, was recently diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis. Her left eye was unwilling to open on the day of the competition so students posed for the group photo with eyes shut. Jennifer says the support of her students has gotten her through the last semester. The students had t-shirts made following her diagnosis to show their support (photo below).

NOTE: After competing in District competition on March 9, the play advanced to Bi-District.





Ash High students tour TTHSC

A group of students from Ash High School had the opportunity to tour the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTHSC) during a TTU Red Bag Tour on March 7. Students were selected for the opportunity based on grades, behavior, and attendance, and a desire to have a career in the health field.

The selected students have career interests that include occupations such as doctors, nurses, phlebotomists, physical therapist, and other careers that might be possible through TTHSC.

During the tour, students visited the SIMs Center where nurses and doctors practice medical procedures on realistic dummies, listen to recorded irregular heart-beats, and view virtual scans of

the inside of a real human body.

Students also toured the human anatomy lab where first year medical students dissect cadavers donated to the medical school.

The professor in charge talked to the touring students about the curriculum and requirements for medical students. He offered his own words of advice to those interested in a career in the health field.

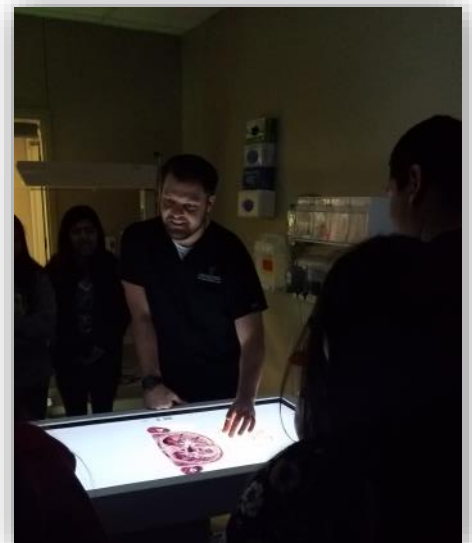
The Ash students also visited a cancer research lab where thousands of different cancers are housed in large nitrogen tanks. They learned that the TTHSC students who work there oversee the preserving

and testing of the different cancers, assisting in the effort to find cures for cancer.

The Alzheimer's and Brain research Center allowed students the chance to see a real human brain and to view the physical effects that Alzheimer can have.

Finally, the students attended an organization fair where they talked to representatives from each branch of the TTHSC and asked questions.

This opportunity gave our students the chance to practically see what it could be like to pursue a career in the health field, and have fun while doing it.





Nelda McQuien Laney Award established

Following a vote by the PHS student body, Plainview High School graduating senior Trini Perez was named as the first recipient of the Nelda McQuien Laney Award.

The award, established this year in memory of the "First Lady of West Texas" Nelda McQuien Laney, recognizes a senior girl who is in good standing at PHS, exhibits the traits of leadership and good citizenship, and is involved in student organizations at Plainview High School.

Nelda Laney, a graduate of Plainview High School and Texas Tech University, was married to former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives James "Pete" Laney.

Nelda Laney was involved in numerous organization including Kappa Alpha Theta, the Omega Delphi Study Club, and Caprock District Women's Club. She served as co-chair of the Capitol Fund Drive, which raised private funds for furnishing the renovated Texas Capitol, and as vice chair of the Texas Capitol Restoration Celebration.

Nelda was honored with the Lauro F.

Cavazos Award, TTU College of Education Distinguished Alumni and was the first recipient of the Woman of Achievement Award from the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

She also received a Special Recognition for her work on the Capitol Restoration by the Texas Women's Alliance and was a recipient of the Star of Texas Preservation Award for Capitol Restoration. She was named Woman of the Year in Plainview and Hale Center.

Trini Perez, the daughter of Johnny and Carmen Perez, plans to attend college and major in mass communications and public relations with a minor in education. She is a member of the PHS band where she serves as a color guard captain and is the reporter for the band leadership team. She serves as captain of the



softball team and played on the volleyball team as a freshman. She is a Symphony Guild debutante, 2nd vice-president for Student Council, Public Relations Officer for FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America), and an active member of St. Alice Catholic Church.

Nominees for this year's award, in addition to Trini Perez, were Jaylee Campos, Dareli Chavez, Anahi Cordero, Bethany Gamez, Lucy Hernandez, Mahogany Nails, Lauren Pritchard, Tabbatha Riojas, and Yasmine Soto. Nominees were selected by vote of the senior class.

2018 LaVern Roach Nominees

Plainview High School senior Patrick Ceniseros was selected from 10 nominees as the 68th recipient of the LaVern Roach Award, the most prestigious recognition and the highest honor given to PHS male graduating seniors.

The award memorializes world-renowned welterweight boxing champ LaVern Roach, a 1943 PHS graduate who died in 1950 from injuries received during a boxing match in New York City. Roach's widow, Evelyn Roach Trice, established the award after his death to promote the lifestyle her husband embodied -- clean living, good citizenship and sportsmanship.

The ten nominees for the award were selected by a vote of the senior class. The recipient was determined by vote of the entire PHS student body.

Ceniseros's name will be added to a plaque at PHS that bears the name of previous



recipients. He will also be honored by the Pliw Lion's Club, which administers the award.

Ceniseros, the son of Rosalie Longoria and Oscar Longoria, plans to attend Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi, where he will major in marine biology. He played varsity tennis at PHS and participated in band, A Cappella choir, and DECA.

Nominees for the award, in addition to Ceniseros, were Jaylon Borrego, Benjamin Bozeman, Andres Garcia, Joseph , Carson Hauk, Adrian Hinojosa, Jimmy Phan, Octavius Vera, and Edgar Zamarripa.

Migrant students travel to Washington, DC



Over the Spring Break, four PHS migrant students earned the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC with the Close Up program to gain knowledge of our political system.

The mission of Close Up is to inform, inspire, and empower young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. In order to qualify for this trip, the student must be migrant, maintain grades and attendance, but most importantly, they had to demonstrate good character, not just in their classrooms but in their community.

The students chosen to represent Plainview ISD were Lisa Mireles (12), Elizabeth Garcia (11), Mikayla Soto (11), and Zachary Ramsey (10). Joining the students were district staff Rocky Rosas and Dalia Pardo.

While in Washington, the students visited historical monuments, the White House, and even meet and spoke with Republican Texas Congressman and Plainview native, Jodey Arrington.

Buy, Sell, Rent, Trade, Give Away...

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath **house** in Kress (\$650 month). Outdoor pets only. Call **Tracy Dawson (PHS) at, (806) 292-0291** if interested.

FOR SALE: \$1000 for **guitar, case, strap and humidifier.** Martin 000C-16RGTE thin body cut away. Serial number 1216670. Six string, acoustic electric, ebony fret board, solid sitka spruce top, solid rosewood back and sides, Fishman aura blend system. Contact **Brittany Douglas** at Edgemere.





Elementary students vote for Texas Bluebonnet Award



Sixty-four Plainview ISD elementary students were among 141,141 Texas students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades to cast a vote to determine which children's book would receive the coveted 2017 Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA).

The winning book is selected from a Texas Bluebonnet Award master list of 20 books chosen by the TBA selection committee and released at the Texas Book Festival each October.

The nominated books, fiction and nonfiction, must have been written in the last three years by an author who resides and publishes in the United States. The committee also considers student interests, relevant content, reputable reviews and literary quality when selecting books to place on the nominating list.

Once the books are selected, school librarians across Texas register to participate in the voting process and place the books in the campus libraries for students to access.

According to district librarian Susan Flippin, the award helps encourage reading for pleasure. Flippin adds that many students seem enthusiastic about participating in the voting and she hopes to see the program grow.

"I would love to see more voters as I believe these books represent a wide range of genres and there is interest for all. I am always looking for ways to challenge more to take up the Bluebonnet challenge and hope for the number of voters to climb

each year in our schools," said Flippin. "These books are for students in grades 3-6. I believe we could and should have 100 percent voting. That's the goal."

Students qualify to cast individual votes by reading at least five books. The students have almost a year to read the nominated books and most students choose to read more than the required number.

"Each student keeps a reading map of the books they have read," said Flippin. "They also either write a summary, take a reading quiz over the book, or answer questions asked by the library assistant at each campus."

Voting for the Plainview students took place the week of Jan. 22-30.

"All voting has to take place by Jan. 31 so we wait until the last week of January to vote to give the students as much time as we can to read," explains Flippin.

Votes are then submitted to the state committee for tabulation. Local students who participated in voting received certificates, a bluebonnet pencil, and a Texas-shaped bookmark at post-voting parties. These parties take place either at the time of voting or when the winner is announced depending upon the campus.

"Texas has many reading lists for different age



Texas Bluebonnet Award voting (cont.)

groups, and there are programs planned for other grade levels, but the Bluebonnet Award is the oldest and the only one that students select the winner,” Flippin said. “Any author you talk to will tell you it is a coveted award because the kids chose, not the adults. Every author wants to win a Texas Bluebonnet Award.”

The title of the winning book, “The Last Kids on Earth,” was announced on Feb. 16. The Bluebonnet Award will be presented to the authors, Max Brallier, during the Texas Library Association Annual Conference each April.

Flippin said most of the Plainview students this year voted for the winning book. State-wide there were 22,757 votes for “The Last Kids on Earth.” Second place went to “The Great Pet Escape” by Victoria Jamieson and third place went to “Whoosh!” by Chris Barton and Don Tate.

“I am thrilled with the students who participated in this year’s voting,” said Flippin. “I thank each one of them for their commitment to reading the Bluebonnet nominees.”

Those interested in reading this year’s nominated books can find a complete list of the books on the Texas Library Association website under the Reading List section.

According to Flippin, the process of selecting next year’s Bluebonnet award

winner is already underway. The 2018-2019 nominated books are arriving on the campuses and all campuses should have the books available for checkout in late March.

In order to build students interest in award winning books, Flippin also has implemented a “Texas 2 x 2” reading program for students age 2 to second grade. Although this is a local program only, this group of students has been asked to read (or be read to) ten books from a list of 20 recommended books in order to receive their certificate. Fourteen students qualified to vote for their favorite book. The winner was “I Will Not Eat You” by Adam Lehrhaupt.

Students in middle school and high school have the opportunity to participate in another local initiative, the “Lone Star” reading program. Flippin says these older students will be voting on a favorite book from their reading list in April.



Edgemere



Highland



Hillcrest



Estacado



Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!

Coronado Middle School English teacher **Tina Bettis** is now a published author. She is a contributing author to the *Twin Earth Anthology*, available for purchase.



Edgemere kindergarten teacher **Bailey Stengler** was married to Jon Richardson, son of **Chris** (PHS) and **Desiree** (Highland) **Richardson** on February 24.

The newlyweds hope to travel on a mission trip to Wales this summer.

Jennifer Miller, daughter of **Leslie Daugherty**

(Estacado), built an electric trip hammer in her Ag Mechanics class in Silverton. She took her project to San Angelo and San Antonio last month. In San Angelo she placed 1st in her class and she also received Reserve Grand Champion in the Ag Machinery and Equipment Division. At San Antonio Jennifer placed 5th in class with her trip hammer. Jennifer is a senior this year, and she plans to attend West Texas A & M University where she will be seeking a degree in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds Eddie and **Sarah (Hutto) Ramirez** (Special Services). They were married on March 12.



Thunderbird is proud to share that the school raised \$1,120.51 for Jump Rope for Heart. One student, Kolt Barrett, in Miss Cross's class raised \$453.19

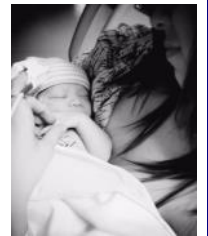
New Babies in the PISD Family

Congratulations to Ty and **Chelsea Criswell** (Highland) on the arrival of their daughter, Lucy Arizona Criswell. Born on January 16, she weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 18 1/2 in. long at birth.



Stacey De La Garza and Jonathan White are parents of a son, Ayden Jace-Cole De La Garza. He was born on Jan. 23 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. New grandparents are **Jeff (Special Services) and Sylvia De La Garza** (Board of Trustees) and Wayne and **Becky White** (PHS).

Congratulations to Mark and **Ashley DiPaolo** (Hillcrest) on the arrival of a new son, Joshua Evan DiPaolo, born on February 9.



Jarrod (PHS 2006 and Katie Young are the parents of a new son, Jacob Blake Young, born on December 31, 2017. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and is a perfect little

brother to big sister, Ellie. Proud grandparents are Darren and **Vickie** (La Mesa) **Young**.

Mark and JoVanna Medina are the parents of a baby girl, RenLea Mae Medina, born on March 18. She weighed 7lbs. 2 oz.



and was 21 in. long at birth. Proud grandparents are Rogelio and **JoAnn Gamez** (Admin Office).

Notice from PISD Human Resource Services

Name and Address Changes

It is important that employment records be kept up to date. Employees must notify JoAnn Gamez, Personnel Information and Records Specialist if there are any changes or corrections to their name, home address, contact telephone number, marital status, emergency contact, or beneficiary. The form to process a change in personal information can be obtained from the Plainview ISD website (www.plainviewisd.org) >Departments >Human Resource Services > Name/Address Change.

Celebrating Texas Public Schools Week



Barb Winston's students at Coronado work on constructing a replica of the Alamo from sugar cubes.



Hillcrest 1st graders practice for their parent program.



A La Mesa student poses before their mock campfire.



Edgemere students "roast" marshmallows over a mock campfire.



College Hill first grade presents "Wee Sing America."



Coronado Choir entertains parents and students during lunch.



Texas Dancers!