

# IN PLAIN VIEW

Summer 2014

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## Campus Educators of the Year

Twelve outstanding educators were recognized by the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on May 15.

The honored educators are recipients of the 2013-2014 Educator of the Year awards for their respective campuses. The award is the highest award given to teachers by the district. Recipients are selected by vote of their campus peers and will be honored during Convocation ceremonies in August.

Educators receiving the honor:

**Nicole Abell**, Houston School, is completing her first year as a social studies teacher with the district. She is a first generation university graduate. She received her degree from Lubbock Christian University with honors from Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 2011.

**Frances Alvarez**, Highland third grade teacher, has 34 years in education. She is a third time recipient of the Educator of the Year Award. She worked two years as an assistant before starting a teaching career that has included positions in first grade, second grade, computer lab/ technology, and third grade. She has spent her entire teaching career in classrooms at Highland.

**Florinda Hayes**, Hillcrest, has 28 years in education – 22 of those years working in Plainview ISD. She began her career as a bilingual assistant before making the decision to return to college, Since earning her teaching certification

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**Educator of the Year award recipients** : Educators of the Year recognized during the May meeting of the Plainview ISD Board of Trustees include: Kelly Mendoza (front, left), LaDeanna Whitfill, LaTressa Waldrip, Frances Alvarez, Florinda Hayes, Cailey Stoerner, Carrie Huber, Andrea Morales, Misty Johnson, and Nancy Lewis. Standing behind them are board members Sylvia De la Garza, Wes Naron, Robert Rivera, Brandon Brownlee, Adam Soto, Veronica Salazar-Isaguirre, Bryan Wood and Dr. Rocky Kirk, Superintendent of Schools. Nicole Abell and Alicia Ramirez (not pictured) were also recognized.

## La Mesa turns 25



La Mesa Elementary hosted a day of fun and festivities to celebrate the school's 25th year as an educational home to children in this community. Former teachers and students were on hand to celebrate with current staff and take a peek into the time capsule that was buried 15 years ago. (More photos on page 9)



in 1996, she has taught Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten in Olton, Duncanville and at College Hill Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary.

**Carrie Huber**, Thunderbird, is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year as an educator. She taught first grade for 10 years before moving into a fifth grade math position last fall.

**Misty Johnson**, Estacado math teacher, has 12 years teaching experience. She is a previous recipient of the award and was also a finalist for the Outstanding Mathematics Teacher of the Year through Texas Tech. She taught algebra at PHS for one year before moving to Estacado to teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. She has also

taught in Tulia ISD and was a secondary instructional coach with Hart ISD.

**Nancy Lewis**, Plainview High School, has been a math teacher at PHS for 28 years. She is a previous recipient of the Educator of the Year award at PHS and also received the Area Outstanding Math Teacher of the Year award from Texas Tech University. She serves the campus as a mentor teacher. Before joining the PHS staff, she taught a year at Midland High.

**Kelly Mendoza**, College Hill, is a third grade bilingual teacher. She has worked for the district for seven years, all at College Hill, in second and third grade classrooms. Prior to earning her degree and

teaching certificate, she worked 9 years in the business office at Valley School in Turkey, Texas.

**Andrea Morales**, Coronado, is an eighth grade math teacher who is in her fifth year with the district. Before moving to her current position, he previously taught math at Estacado Middle School, Houston School and Dimmit Middle School.

**Alicia Ramirez**, Edgemere, is a first grade bilingual teacher completing her fourth year with the district. She also taught in Hale Center ISD and Denver City ISD for a total of 23 years in education.

**Cailey Stoerner**, La Mesa, is in her fourth year as a special education teacher and serves as a teacher

leader. She taught resource classes for grades 1-4 during her first year before transitioning into the inclusion program where she has taught grades 3-5. She previously taught special education for two years in Lockney.

**LaTressa Waldrip**, Edgemere, is in her 17<sup>th</sup> year as a special education teacher at Edgemere Elementary. She also taught in Arizona and has a total of 34 years experience in education.

**LaDeanna Whitfill**, College Hill, is a fifth grade math teacher. She has 21 years in education, all with Plainview ISD.

## 2013-14 Plainview ISD Employee Long-Term Service

### 15 years

Long-term service employees will be recognized during Convocation in August.

### 10 years

- Angelica Alvarado, Estacado
- Dusty Balderas, PHS
- Gracie Chavez, La Mesa
- Wes Delz, Houston School
- Jeremy Douglas, Thunderbird
- Maria Garcia, Coronado
- Noelle Garza, Coronado
- Amber Graves, Edgemere
- Martha Grimaldo, La Mesa
- Adriana Herrera, Edgemere
- Ellen Hunter, Estacado
- Nancy Malone, Hillcrest
- Janet McCaleb, PHS
- DeeDee Ortega, Hillcrest
- Stacy Stevens, Edgemere
- Sali Tabor, Estacado
- Misty Valles, Estacado
- Josie Walker, PHS
- Becky White, PHS
- Randa Wrenn, Estacado
- Jeremy Wright, Coronado

- Sally Bass, PHS
- Tonya Buchanan, Thunderbird
- Lori Glenn, Hillcrest
- Irene Molinar, College Hill
- Mary Perez, La Mesa
- Sally Rangel, Hillcrest (Aramark)
- Minga Rubio, Thunderbird (Aramark)
- Katherine Tanner, Estacado
- Herminia Trevino, College Hill
- Sara Valencia, Hillcrest
- Sarah Wallace, Thunderbird
- Vicki Webb, Highland
- Mary Wetzal, Coronado

### 20 years

- Martha Carr, Estacado
- Jan Cartwright, College Hill
- Victoria Garcia, Thunderbird
- Janie Hart, Coronado
- Brenda Hearn, Coronado
- Christian Hembree, College Hill
- Donna Isaacson, College Hill
- Kathy Jones, Hillcrest
- Denise Kellum, PHS
- Annabell Mireles, PHS
- Dalia Reyes, Hillcrest
- Debi Rogers, Coronado
- Estella Salas, Houston School
- Velma Thompson, Highland
- LaDeanna Whitfill, College Hill

### 25 years

- Rosa Camacho, Houston School
- Denise Cochran, Highland
- Nati Gonzales, Thunderbird
- Marla Howard, Estacado
- Virginia Martinez, Coronado
- Kim Massey, Hillcrest
- Alma Melendez, Coronado
- Mary Morales, Thunderbird
- Michele Neil, Hillcrest
- Sue Patridge, La Mesa
- Gayla Pool, Thunderbird
- Becky Vega, Highland
- Linda Watson, College Hill

### 30 years

- Sylvia Barrera, Houston School
- Becky Buxton, Highland
- Linda Hall, Estacado
- Julie Hodges, Edgemere
- Donna Holt, Highland
- Rosie Romero, Technology Center
- Millie Whitaker, Highland
- Walter Wright, PHS

### 35 years

- Frances Alvarez, Highland
- Joyce McCormick, College Hill





# 2013-2014 retirees ready to begin new chapter

Twelve Plainview ISD employees retiring during the 2013-2014 school year were honored with a retirement reception held on May 20 at the Fair Theatre.

Retirees include Susan Blackerby, Leah Dayton, Jill Freeman, Patsy Hall, Carrie Hare, Kim Mires, Richard Rangel, Kenneth Sjogren, Sandy Smith, Maria Sheetz, Vickie Stokes, and Linda Strickland.

Dr. Rocky Kirk, Superintendent of Schools, thanked the retirees for their service to the district.

"We should probably rename this a chapter ceremony. It's just a new chapter in your life," he said. "I pray God will be good to you and honor your contribution and I thank you on behalf of the administration and the Board of Trustees.

The Human Resource Services Department, under the leadership of Executive Director Brandy Merrick, hosted the reception. They presented gifts of appreciation to the retirees.

Entertainment was provided by members of the PHS Choral Department. They performed a variety of songs from the Red, White & Blue Revue held earlier this month.

Houston School Student Council Officers served as ushers for the event.

Greg Brown, Executive Director of Administration, was master of ceremonies. He shared biographical information on each of the retirees:

**Susan Blackerby**, PHS special populations liaison for the Career and Technical Education Department, retired after 27 years with Plainview ISD. She previously served the district as a special education / transition teacher, a business education teacher and the student accounting technology specialist. Susan is already busy with responsibilities as a newly elected member of the city council, but plans to travel and spend more time with her grandkids in retirement. Her advice to new teachers: "Enjoy it.

Don't let it be a drudgery. Love your kids. Do something for yourself. **Don't let your job be your world."**

**Leah Dayton**, district Instructional Coach, is retiring after a career of 19 years in education. She began her career as an English and History teacher at Houston School, taught Language Arts at Estacado Jr. High, and was a reading intervention and language arts teacher at Lakeside 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Center. She holds a district record the record of being voted Educator of the Year by her campus peers seven times. Leah plans to spend more time with her family and friends in retirement. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "Don't ever give up. It's not about giving up; it's about getting better and hanging on while you become stronger. Every year brings new opportunities and new possibilities."

**Jill Freeman**, fifth grade social studies teacher at Edgemere, is retiring following a 23-year career in education. She spent ten years at Thunderbird teaching first, second, and fourth grades before moving to Lakeside where she taught science and social studies to fifth grade students for 12 years. Last fall, she returned to Edgemere where she first began her career in education. Prior to earning her teaching degree, she worked as an aide at Edgemere for a year. Freeman is looking forward to traveling, spending more time with family, finishing some projects that she started, and may work part-time. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "Don't think this is an 8-4 job, but don't let it rule your life either. Watch veteran teachers and learn from them, they have some wisdom. Let your students know you love them - you may be the most stable person in their lives.



Have fun while you teach and your students will be more willing to learn. Cherish the friendships you make with other teachers. Pray for your students daily and for yourself that you will be the kind of teacher your students need."

**Patsy Hall**, Hillcrest second grade teacher, retired in January after a 25-year career in education. She was a bus driver for two years and an assistant for eight years at College Hill, La Mesa and Lakeside while she pursued her college degree. She resigned to complete her student teaching and after graduation taught in Kress and Ralls before returning to Plainview in 1999 to teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hillcrest. Patsy is spending her days babysitting her youngest granddaughter, Olivia. She and her husband Walter are planning a trip this summer to take their grandson Cooper to Mt. Rushmore, Little Big Horn, Yellowstone and through the Tetons. Her advice to new teachers: "New teachers should know teaching isn't an easy career, but it is very rewarding. Don't spend all your extra hours at school. Family comes first!"

**Carrie Lyn Hare**, Edgemere second grade teacher, is retiring from a career spanning 28 years in education. She has been with the district for three years and previously taught kindergarten at Hillcrest. She was a speech therapy teacher for Amarillo ISD and Sunray ISD. She also taught first and second grades in Comal ISD in San Antonio. Hare is looking forward to spending more time  
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# 2013-2014 Retirees (cont.)

with family during her retirement. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "I would say you are taking on the most important job in the world and our future relies on you. Prepare for a stimulating, fun career as there is never, ever a boring day! Have fun!"

**Kim Mires**, La Mesa early childhood teacher, retired earlier this year from a 28-year career as an educator in the district. She taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Ash Learning Center and pre-kindergarten at Edgemere Elementary before moving to the La Mesa position.

**Richard Rangel**, retired from a 25-year career as an attendance officer for the district.

**Kenneth Sjogren**, AE / SURGE Teacher at Houston School, is retiring following a 16-year career in education. Kenneth served the district as a science teacher at Coronado for 14 years before moving to Houston School to teach science. Kenneth plans to spend more time playing with his grandkids and possible substitute teach. His words of wisdom: "Never give up hope. Tomorrow is a new day."

**Sandy Smith**, art teacher at PHS, is retiring after a career of 27 years in education. She taught in Lubbock for 4 years before joining the district 23 years ago. She hopes to have the opportunity in retirement to travel and spend time fly-fishing with her husband Dennis. She also plans to see more of her



grandchildren and her mother who lives in Southlake. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "Look for support from your mentor and veteran teachers. Keep your mind open to new ideas but value your beliefs. Get away from the classroom and re-energize yourself. Make time for yourself and find time for your family and friends."

**Maria Sheetz**, Spanish teacher at Estacado Middle School, is retiring following a 13-year career with the district. She began her career as a computer lab assistant at Hillcrest for a few months before moving into her current position. Prior to her educational career she worked for the MHMR Center for 21 years. Her retirement plans are to follow the Lord's lead, play with her grandchildren and travel. Her words of wisdom "God places us where he wants us to serve. He always gives us what it takes to do the job well."

**Vicki Stokes**, La Mesa second grade teacher, is retiring following a 29-year career in education. She taught first grade for three years at Hale

Center, taught at Estacado for two years, and has spent 24 years teaching at La Mesa. She plans to use her retirement to travel, play with her grandson, read, garden, and enjoy new adventures with her husband and family. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "Enjoy each day of teaching and give it your best. Laugh with your students and make sure they know you care about them and that you will be there for them. Be flexible and open to new ideas and changes. You can make a difference in your student's lives one day at a time. Hope, believe, and you can achieve!"

**Linda Strickland**, PHS health science teacher, is retiring after a 17-year career in education, six of those years with Plainview ISD. Prior to joining the district, she was a school nurse in Frenship ISD and Amarillo ISD. Her retirement plans include enjoying the outdoors and her grandchildren. Her words of wisdom to new teachers: "Remember that you can do no good for others, if you do not take care of yourself and HAVE FUN!"







# Staff Spotlight: Christie Flinn

It has been said that a Renaissance woman views the world with curiosity. To her everything has possibilities and she seeks out opportunities to learn new things and acquire new knowledge.

If Edgemere third-grade teacher Christie Flinn, isn't yet this woman, she is well on her way.

Christie attended school in Tulia, Dimmitt, and Canadian before her family moved to Burleson so that her dad could attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her dad graduated Seminary the same year she graduated from high school.

During high school in 1991, she had the opportunity to meet one of her favorite actors, Jimmy Stewart. Stewart was in Ft. Worth for a book signing and Christie skipped a day of school to see him and buy a copy of his book. When Stewart's limo pulled up, the movement of the crowd gathering to meet the star, pushed Christie into the limo. She opened the limo door for Stewart and in turn, he escorted her inside and signed three copies of his book for her. When she returned to school her principal was ready to send her to ISS for skipping. He didn't believe someone her age would love old movies enough to skip school for Stewart's book signing so Christie gave the principal a signed copy of Stewart's book, keeping one for herself and one for her grandmother.

Following high school, she attended Texas Wesleyan University where she majored in Political Science. She admired Barbara Walters and says that is probably the reason she went into political science and pursued the opportunity to travel and study abroad. During her college years, she studied Middle East Politics in Israel.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," she said. "I was privileged enough to be chosen to present a paper I wrote on African Genocide to the Women's Caucus at the Southwest Social Science Convention."

She originally planned to become an attorney, but began substitute teaching on days she didn't have classes. That led to the realization that teaching was her calling.

"I fell in love with teaching," she said.

She began her teaching career 12 years ago in Grandview ISD and has taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

Christie moved back to this area last summer to be closer to her parents who live in Tulia. This is her first year working for Plainview ISD.

"I have the most amazing job in the world. I love coming to

work every day. I work with some of the most wonderful kids that I have ever met."

Like most teachers she appreciates the opportunity she has to impact the lives of her students.

"There is nothing that is more rewarding than seeing the excitement on the face of a child who has struggled to learn something and then they finally figure it out. Their faces literally glow."

Christie adds that every year she grows to love her new students as if they were her own and when the year is over misses them.

Christie has three daughters. Her oldest daughter Courtney is 19. Courtney married her high school sweetheart, Garrett Chambers, last



Middle school this year.

They are a close family and Christie says she spends most of her time with her kids and taking them to and from their activities.

Early this year, she and her girls moved to a home in the country where they have been busy hatching chicken eggs, caring for their new goats and preparing the soil and planting a garden.

### So what is on her bucket list?

She says she would still like to follow in Barbara Walters footsteps, but has other goals that might be easier achieved.

"I would like to teach high school social studies, government and economics. I would also like to ride in a helicopter and I would like to travel to Europe."

She already has some travel plans for this summer.

She will be going on a mission trip to Turkey in July with the First Baptist Church in Tulia.





# Coronado students discover history treasure

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When Jennifer King told her students to find out what member of the Coronado Middle School staff was Native American, she promised "something great" would happen for them. By this she meant a special privilege, or maybe a stick of gum. But the eighth-graders quickly learned that "something great" was really the privilege of getting to know more about assistant librarian Anna Trusler and her family history.

Trusler, 63, is three-quarters Native American, mostly Cherokee. She grew up in Tahlequah, Okla., where, she said, she didn't know a white person until she was in high school. Though the soil around Tahlequah didn't produce much, it grew an abundance of strawberries, and as a child she joined the other pickers.

"We'd stand in the road, and the farmer would come by and pick us up in his truck," Trusler said.

Trusler can't remember exactly when she learned that her ancestors had

been part of the Trail of Tears, a forced migration by government officials from southeastern United States, including Florida and Georgia, to Oklahoma. Her great-aunt Kat, she said, was the family historian and had talked about the event from the time she was small.

Though she is unsure of the details, Trusler said her great-great-grandparents died on the trail, but her great-grandmother survived. Since her grandmother died giving birth to Trusler's own mother, it was only through Aunt Kat that she was unable to learn more about her great-grandmother.

Trusler makes the lesson concrete for the students by showing them Cherokee darts made of a thistle found in Oklahoma and bound together with animal sinews. The darts, blown through a pipe, were accurate from 20 to 30 feet and were used for hunting small game.

The Trail of Tears came about as a result of The Indian Removal Act of 1830 under President Andrew Jackson.

The four students who



took advantage of their history teacher's offer all have some Native American in their backgrounds, as does King.

"It was beautiful," said Jeramyah Juanes, speaking of the lands the people were removed from, "grassy and lush." By contrast, he said, the land they were removed to was dry, and they were not allowed to take any of their possessions with them.

"Andrew Jackson was an Indian hater," Viviana Gonzales said. With prompting from King and Trusler, she and Jeramyah, along with fellow students Matthew Kelly and Dominic Silva, describe what the Trail of Tears must have been like.

"They were tired and hungry." "A lot of people died." "Their shoes were worn out, so they walked barefoot." "Some of them got blood infections." "Some

of them were too old or too weak to survive."

All of this contrasts with Jackson's image as a politician for "the common man," King reminds them, and the Trail of Tears came about in spite of the fact that the Declaration of Independence states "All men are created equal." Native Americans who went to Washington to protest the removal were ignored.

In general, the students don't believe the same thing can happen now. Current laws and protections will prevent such a thing, they say. King says in the next unit, they will study the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution which abolished slavery, guaranteed equal protection under the law and prohibited the government from denying citizens the right to vote.

All of the students are interested in learning more about their own ancestry. King plans to encourage this with lessons involving [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).





# Class of 2014 begins a new journey

**(NOTE: This is not all of our staff members' children who are graduating, only the ones who submitted. )**

**Cullen Holt**, son of **Cherrie Taylor's** (Thunderbird), will be graduating this month from Hobbs High School. He was on the football team for four years, two at PHS and two at Hobbs and was awarded Linebacker of the Year, Power Lifting for two years at PHS, and the Hobbs swim team for two years. Cullen has joined the United States Marine Corps and will leave for boot camp June 4. *Sempre Fi, Cullen!*

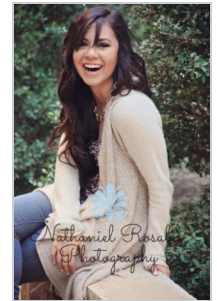


**Kyle Mahagan**, son of Mark and **Gretchen Mahagan** (Edgemere), will be graduating with the PHS Class of 2014. He plans to study animal science at Texas Tech University. Kyle was recently selected as a State FFA Officer during the Area I FFA Convention.



**Will Logan Wright**, son of Colby and **Lisa Wright** (Hillcrest) graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy & range management. He is currently finishing an internship with WinField. He is a 2010 graduate of PHS.

**Kristen Chapa**, daughter of Albert and **Doris Chapa** (Business Office), will be graduating with the PHS Class of 2014. She will enter Wayland Baptist University in the fall and will major in Nursing.



**Monte Neil**, son of Glenn and **Michele Neil** (Hillcrest) will graduate with the PHS Class of 2014. He will attend WTAMU in the fall and plans to study Ag Business.



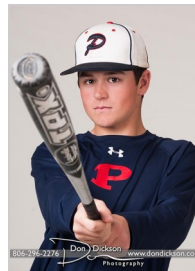
**Malissa Mize**, daughter of Philip and **Rebekah Mize** (Edgemere), will be graduating this May from PHS. She is enrolled at Wayland through the PEP program. After that, she plans to attend West Texas A & M where she will work on a Business/Agriculture degree.

**Blanca Suarez**, daughter of **Sylvia Suarez** (Hillcrest) graduated from Angelo State University on Saturday, May 10, with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She is beginning graduate school in the fall in pursuit of becoming a child psychologist.



**Jonathan Salazar**, son of **Christina Salazar** (Central Office) is graduating with the PHS Class of 2014. He will be attending West Texas A & M University and plans to major in Criminal Justice.

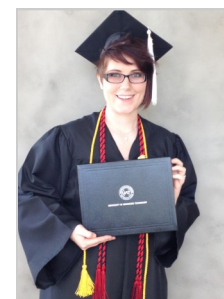
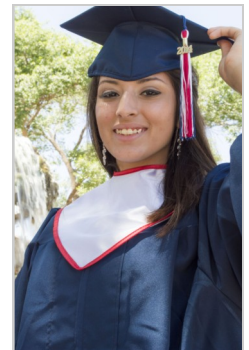
**Landon Cochran**, son of David Cochran and **Denise Cochran** (Highland), is graduating from PHS with the Class of 2014. He plans to attend South Plains College to pursue a degree in Conservation Law.



**Madison Gail Ortega** graduated Saturday, May 17, 2014 from PCA. She is the daughter of Geronimo and **Dee Dee Ortega** (Hillcrest) . She plans to attend West Texas A&M in Canyon.

**Amelia (Amy) Hinojos**, daughter of Carlos and **Sylvia**

**Hinojos** (Student Support Services), will graduate with the PHS Class of 2014. She will be a fall student at Amarillo College studying to be a dental hygienist. She was a member of the Lady Bulldogs Softball Team, playing varsity for three years. She made first team all-district her junior and senior years. The team made history by winning the first ever bi-district and area championships in softball.



**Sayla Barnes** (2008 graduate of PHS) graduated on May 2, 2014, from UAT (University of Advancing Technology) at the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa, AZ. She graduated with a 4.0, Summa cum Laude, with a BA degree in Game Art and Animation. She lives in Austin and is the daughter of Joe and **Elaine Barnes** (Counselor at La Mesa).





# Aramark End-of-Year Awards Celebration

Aramark end-of-the-year celebration was an opportunity to honor cafeteria workers for their service to Aramark and to the school district. These awesome, hardworking ladies are vital to the health and well being of our students. They meet our students most basic needs. They are making a difference for kids every day and we appreciate them!

THANK YOU

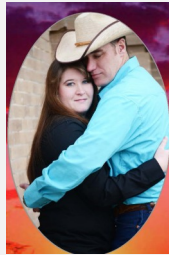






# Cheers, Kudos & High Fives...

Jeremy Tucker and Heather Mize (daughter of Philip and **Rebekah Mize** (Edgemere) will be married on May 24 in Sweetwater, TX. They will be living in Plainview. Jeremy works in Plainview and Heather currently works for Grace Clinic in Lubbock.



April Salazar, a 2009 PHS graduate and the daughter of **Christina Salazar** (Central Office), is engaged to Robert Ceniseros. April is attending Amarillo College and is working on a degree in Child Psychology. She has been doing observation hours in Plainview ISD. The couple are planning a summer wedding.

The **Hillcrest Renegades** took 3rd place in a recent flag football tournament that benefitted a program to purchase books for elementary students. Trish Williams (Communities in Schools) and her husband, Reggie, played a vital role in organizing the tournament.



Kris and **Crystal Burdis** (PHS) will finalize their adoption of their two children - eight-year old Timothy and four-year old Lana on May 30.

College Hill Relay for Life team raised \$3850.00 this year, earning an award for most money raised.

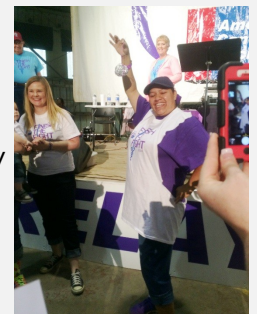
They also won "Best Decorated Campsite" with a fifties theme "Rockin' and Rollin' to Find a Cure." Their campsite had a coke gas pump and a real juke box. They sold coke floats and their famous cupcakes.



Team members were **Ashley Carthel, Mary Elizabeth Dickerson, Maria Porras, Jan Cartwright, Linda Watson, Misty Batista, Jennifer Havens, Brittany Carrasco, Carmen Salinas, Wistie Rollins, Angie Perry, Linda Amador, Suzanne Noel, Becky Gallardo, Norma Hernandez, Lora Quintanilla, Daphne Alcalá, LaDeana Whitfill, Christian Hembree, and Jennifer Castaneda.**



Jennifer says, "We always have such a great time at the Relay!! My team is soooooo loud and energetic every year!!! We participate in every event as well!!!"



## Baby News

Ernesto and **Dani Licerio Monreal** (Hillcrest) have a new son, Noah Bradley, born on April 29. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz, and was 20 1/2 in. long. New grandparents are Jerry and **Rosie Licerio** (Central Office).



Jeremy and Whitney Salas are the parents of a son, Jeremiah Ricky Salas, born on March 3. He weighed 8lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 in. long.



Grandparents are Rick and **Estella Salas** (Houston School) and **Sandee Hancock** (former Ash Teacher)

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

The Hale County Literacy Council is in need of **new/gently used books** for their "Read to Me" program. This program allows inmates to read a book on CD to their children. The children then receive the book and CD to keep. HCLC is running short on books for **ages 9 and up**. Chapter books would be great. If anyone wants to donate they can contact/send them to **Josie Walker** (PHS).

Items Needed: **Newspapers**, especially Newspapers in Education bundles if you have them. Send to **Kathy Tanner** at Estacado, Room 14.

FOR SALE: **Car trailer**. \$1200 OBO. Call **Estella Salas** (Houston School), 296-3486, cell 685-1067 or Rick, 685-1066.



**FOR SALE: Sears Craftsman 22" self-propelled** (front wheel drive) **lawn mower**. Electric start, EZ-walk with variable speed, grass catcher. Excellent condition. \$ years old. \$200. contact Tommy Caldwell (PHS), 729-9575 or email: [tommy.caldwell@plainview.k12.tx.us](mailto:tommy.caldwell@plainview.k12.tx.us)



# Appreciation Treats

Brownies and ice cream complete with toppings were served to all campus and office personnel during teacher appreciation week.



# Hillcrest Field Trip

Maritza Salcedo's second grade students from Hillcrest on a field trip to the Texas Tech Museum and Planetarium.



# Hillcrest Students Limo Ride



Hillcrest students who were the top sellers in a school fundraiser had a recent opportunity to ride in a limo to Leal's Mexican Restaurant for lunch.





# Hillcrest Pre-K Cinco de Mayo

Students in Florinda Hayes's bilingual class celebrated Cinco de Mayo by dancing the La Raspa, breaking a pinata and eating enchiladas.



# Photos from La Mesa's 25th Anniversary Celebration



Students look at items from the time capsule that was buried 15 years ago when the campus celebrated its 10th Anniversary.



More than \$800 dollars was raised through the silent auction of art work. The money will go to campus beautification efforts.