



# In Plain View

Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Winter 2016

## Supporting Our Community



Estacado Boys Choir pose with Santa.



Coronado Choir sings and dances at Centennial Bank.



Highland 3rd Grade Bank Singers



PESSA (Plainview Educational Support Staff Association) members, Norma Martinez and Monica Reyna ring the bells for Salvation Army. PESSA members braved the cold at Amigo's and United on Dec. 3 and then matched the amount donated, raising over \$800 for the Salvation Army.



PHS Student Council (StuCo) hosted their annual Christmas Party for students under the guidance of Student Support Services on December 8.

The blessings of peace,  
The beauty of hope,  
The spirit of love,  
The comfort of faith  
May this be your gifts  
This Christmas season.





# Migrant recruiter Anita Flores wins state-level award

Anita Flores, Plainview ISD's migrant recruiter, was recognized by the Association for Migrant Educators of Texas (AMET) and presented with the 2016 Recruiter Service Award during the opening session of the AMET Annual State Conference held in South Padre Island on November 16.

Flores has been employed by Plainview ISD for 19 years, serving as the migrant recruiter for the last seven years.

Edna Garcia, Plainview ISD's Director for Federal & Student Academic Services, said that Flores has internalized the migrant mission and puts her experiences and values into action to ensure that a permanent connection is formed with every migrant child and family.

"There is no one more deserving of this honor than Anita. It is her willingness to initiate new ideas and her inclinations to think and act without being urged that make her successful. When it comes to recruitment, there is no unknown territory for Anita. She will drive anywhere, walk as far as necessary, and make countless

phone calls in her efforts to locate families who could benefit from migrant services," said Garcia, adding that there have been numerous instances where Flores has given of her own time and resources to help current or former migrant families.

"Her launch of the 'Caring Closet' that provides donated clothing and other personal items to families as they transition from place to place is just one example of the difference she has made."

Additionally, Garcia credits Flores with positively influencing the district's migrant education staff.

"When Anita is praised on her achievements, her first reaction is to recognize the hard work of her team and minimize her own part. She has a passion for her work that is contagious and those who network with her can't help but to be inspired. Anita encourages us

to put forth our best in all aspects of our responsibilities."

During the conference, the migrant education staff trained on state and federal mandates regarding the identification and recruitment of migrants and the use of the data management system used in the migrant program. They also participated in sessions targeting innovative instructional programs and strategies and best practices for improving parental involvement and ensuring migrant students' success.



Anita Flores holds her 2016 Recruiter Service Award. Accompanying her to the convention were Dalia Pardo, Deborah Alcozer, Edna Garcia, Humberto Gonzales, and Greg Brown.

## State Rep. Ken King visits ACE/CSI program at Estacado



State Rep. Ken King visited Estacado on December 7 to talk with students, CIS staff, teachers, and administrators to learn more about the activities provided through the ACE program and Communities in Schools.

ACE is free to students and families. Students in ACE participate in before and afterschool activities such as homework help, reading, math, science, history, fine arts & technology skill building and enrichment.

The program also works to form mentoring relationships with students and their families and to promote college readiness while reducing the dropout rate. The goal is to keep all students engaged in their education and provide parents with the resources they need to help their child succeed.



# Staff Highlight: *Manuel and Fransis Marin*

*What a blessing it is to work in the company of good people! If you know Manuel and Fransis Marin, you know kindness, compassion, love, and the beauty of two good hearts.*

Manuel began his employment with the District nine-years ago as a para-professional assistant in the Alternative Education program that was housed at College Hill. He was in that position for five years before transferring to the position of Groundskeeper and Underground Irrigation Service with the Maintenance Department.

He is currently the Assistant Director for Field Operations and Maintenance. He is also the Integrated Pest Management co-coordinator for the District and will provide guidance to eliminate pests within our workspace (See Manuel's newsletter on page 8.)

Prior to joining the district, Fransis was a registered dental assistant for Regence Health Network where she coordinated three dental sites in the area. She began her career with the district four years ago as a para-professional assistant at Thunderbird for five months before moving to the Administrative Office as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director for Curriculum and Instructional Services.

Manuel, the son of Jesus and Maria Marin, grew up on a farm northwest of Hale Center.

Fransis, the daughter of Placido and Julia Castro, grew up on a farm northwest of Plainview.

He graduated from Hale Center High School. She is a graduate of Plainview High School.

They met as children, attending the same church.

Fransis explains that during their childhood, Manuel's mom would hire many families to hoe fields in the area and they worked the fields together.

They began dating in high school just before Manuel joined the military. He served four years in the



United States Marine Corp. They dated the first year he was away; then decided to be friends the second and third year. During his last year (1992) they knew they wanted to be more than friends. They married in 1995 and lived just outside of Hale Center until purchasing a home in Plainview.

They are the parents of four children. Twins Zachary James and Natalia Isabel are 17 years old and seniors at PHS, 6-year old Jeremiah Emmanuel is a La Mesa 1st grade student, and 4-year old Benjamin Isaac is enrolled at La Mesa Learning Academy.

They Marins are a very close family and both enjoy the opportunity to spend time with family.

Manuel was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock in September 2012. He stays very busy with church ministry in Plainview and the surrounding area.

Fransis is known at the Administrative office for her creativity and enjoys the opportunity to be involved in occasional crafting projects when time permits.

**What have you enjoyed or learned in your job?**

Manuel: What I have enjoyed about my job is that the learning never stops. It is learning about those that surround you as in the different family cultures, customs, or even dynamics.

Fransis: I enjoy the people that I am blessed to work with every day. I've learned that time is precious and investing that time in the people and the things that really matter in life is vital to my happiness and inner peace.

**What's important to you on a personal level?**

Manuel: What is important in my life is the fact that I am a servant. I want to know that I am making a real difference in this world and that one way of accomplishing this is with a 'heart of a servant'.

Fransis: It's important for me to wake up every day and know that God has a plan for me, for my family, for my community, and beyond. Knowing the will of God and remaining in the center of His plan is not always easy, it's a lifelong pursuit and sometimes I won't get it right- I'll make mistakes and that's okay.

**What is something on your 'bucket list'?**

Manuel: I would like to visit the Vatican City and Rome. I would like to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands also.

Fransis: I share in my husband's dream on this one.







# Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!



**Amy Bownds**, daughter of **Peggy Bownds** (Business Office) was married to Jeff McNamara on October 8, 2016 on the Jubilee II on the St. Croix River in Stillwater, MN.



**Trent Kinkaid** (left), son of Rob and **Teresa Kincaid** (La Mesa) graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee in December. He plans to attend law school in the Fall of 2017. He has been accepted to the University of Tennessee, Texas Tech and SMU but is not decided on where he will attend.

**Isaiah Garcia**, son of **Rick** (Business Office) and **Edna Garcia** (Admin Office) was chosen as a semi-finalist for the Coca Cola Scholarship Foundation. He is one of 2,000 semifinalists chosen from a pool of



187,000 online applicants for the \$20,000 scholarship. He is the first student at Plainview High School to advance to this level. He is completing the next phase of the scholarship competition and hopes to advance to the regional winners.

The **PHS Robotics Team** competed on December 10 at the Bushland Activity Center in Bushland, Texas. Robotics Team 9071 placed 1st for the day and is currently ranked 2nd in the first tech challenge— North league. Team 10559—Robospoke placed 4th for the day and is currently ranked 5th in the league. The PHS robotics program will host the 3rd round on January 14 in the east gym. The competition is open to the public free of

charge. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with competition beginning at 10:30 a.m.



**Tom (PHS) and Beth Logsdon (Coronado)** are celebrating the adoption of two daughters, Alyzea and Kaydin, on December 9. Alyzea is a 7th grade student and Kaydin is in kindergarten.

**Raelene Trudeau**, a 1999 PHS graduate, moved to Scottsdale, AZ the end of August. She is a pharmacotherapy specialist for Mayo Clinic Hospital as a pharmacist on the transplant team. She is the daughter of Patrick and **Karen Trudeau** (Ash).

**Sarah Noel Rodriguez** (PHS 2011), daughter of **Minga Rodriguez** (Highland) and sister of **Rita Rodriguez** (TB) has completed her thesis on Colonization of the Americas (Dec. 2, 2016) and officially has earned her Master's in Museum Studies degree. Her thesis studies was based out of the Museum of the Americas in Madrid, Spain. She has been studying in Italy for the last year and a half and is returning to the states this month. She will seek employment in the United States, if not, will apply abroad. Her future plans are to earn a doctorate degree, hopefully somewhere in Europe. Minga and her family are very proud of her and all her accomplishments at the University of Oklahoma and Marist College in Italy. Good luck Sarah!



**Wayne Jennings**, PISD's Network Administrator, was named to the 2017 Men's All American Trapshooting First Team. As a member of the team, he was featured in the Trap & Field Magazine and on the ATA website at [www.shootata.com](http://www.shootata.com).

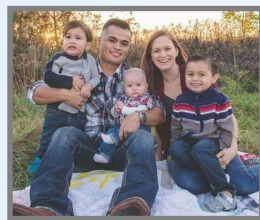
Wayne first became hooked on shooting when he won \$20 at a 4-H turkey shoot when he was 12 years old. Since that time, he has won numerous awards, capturing eight Texas state titles since 2009. He has been competing in the national competition, 'The Grand', for the last eight years.

He is currently serving his second year as president of the Texas Trapshooting Association.

Highland fourth grade student **Emma Pittman** played the black mouse in the Nutcracker ballet presented by the Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo. Emma, pictured with teacher Sarah Williams, was supported by her fourth grade classmates who attended one of the school performances. Emma is the daughter of **Michelle Pittman** (PHS).



## Military News



Staff Sergeant **Oscar "Jason" Saldana** has served with the US air Force for three years. Jason, a 2011 graduate of PHS where he participated in the ROTC program, received his promotion to Staff Sergeant in August. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, Lacey Murphree Saldana, also a PHS graduate. They have three boys - Jude, 5; Jace, 3; and Jonah, 1. Jason's very proud mother is **Ida Martinez** (Thunderbird).

Marine Sergeant **Zane Hayes**, a former PHS grad, will be coming home from a duty in Belize, Honduras, and Haiti around Dec. 12th. He has been deployed since February. He is now trained in martial arts for the marines. Diana Brumley (Thunderbird) said, "We are all glad he is finally coming home."





# BABY NEWS

Efren and Nelida Zuniga are the parents of a son, Esteban Gael Zuniga, born on November 4. The very proud new grandmother is **Herminia Zuniga** (Thunderbird). The baby's new aunt is **Magdalena Zuniga** (Edgemere). Efren is a PHS graduate.



Steve and Debi Rogers (Estacado) have a new grandson, Ryder Thomas Rogers, born December 10 in Corpus Christi. Ryder, the son of Rustin and Rachel Rogers, weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long.



**Mary Wetzel** ( Estacado) is the proud grandmother of Trevor Ron Wetzel; born Sunday, December 11, 2016. His parents are Timmy and Vanessa Wetzel. He also has two brothers, T.J. and Tyler. They reside in Plainview.

The PHS Band canned food drive brought in over 600 items of food to donate to the Salvation Army.



Students in Annette Coon's College transition Class volunteered to walk dogs for Paws Pet Adoption. Several of the students have volunteered part of their Christmas break to work with the dogs at the facility.



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

WANTED: **Lidia Simmons** (Coronado) would like to buy 3-4 **used stools** for her classroom Email: [lidasimmons@plainviewisd.org](mailto:lidasimmons@plainviewisd.org)



For Sale: Better Homes and **Gardens Vertical Blinds** (color: chestnut/brown) in good condition; removed them due to door replacement. \$35.00 Contact **Irma Gatica** (Estacado) at 806-470-8486.

WANTED: The PHS Fashion Design class needs **magazines**. Any clothing catalog would be appreciated, as well as any fashion magazines like Seventeen, Vogue, etc, People magazine shows a lot of high fashion, wedding/prom dress magazines, etc. Also they will take any **fabric, thread, notions, misc. sewing equipment** that anyone wants to donate. Contact **Rosemary Peggram** (rosemary.peggram@plainviewisd.org) at PHS.

For Sale: **Nathena Brown** (Estacado) makes **hand-painted ornaments** (\$12.00 each) and **hand stamped**



**jewelry**. Ornaments can be personalized with name and date. If ordered by 12/22, she can have it ready for Christmas. To see more, check out Nathena's Creations on Facebook for last minute gift ideas. Contact Nathena by email or at (806)685-1278.

For Rent: **Country home**. 2800 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, central heat /AC, fireplace. No dogs. \$800 month, bills not included. 22 miles west of Plainview, 12 miles north of Olton. If interested, contact **Cynthia Oles (Edgemere)** at (806) 292-9376.

**House for Sale:** 1400 Holliday, 1756 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage plus a 2 car shop, fenced yard, huge covered patio, central heat and air, newly remodeled kitchen, \$141,500. For more info call Mark Perez @ 210-875-4037 or **Lupie Perez (College Hill)** at 806-292-7287.

For Sale: **Dining table** with one leaf and six padded rolling chairs (\$250); side-by-side **refrigerator**, old but still works great (\$50); **washer and dryer** (\$125 set); very nice "executive" style **desk** (\$250); queen **mattress set** (\$100). Contact **Nancy Hannon** (Estacado) if interested.

FOR RENT: **One bedroom apartment** suitable for single or couple. Landlord pays gas, water. Tenant pays cable and electricity. Available January 1, 2017. Deposit - \$200; Rent - \$425. Contact **Karen Sandlin** (Technology Center) at 806-292-6247.





# College Hill



# Estacado

## Crazy Hair Day at Hillcrest



## Thunderbird Family volunteering for SnackPak 4 Kids





# La Mesa Christmas Open House



## La Mesa Staff Party Fun!



**FIGHT TOGETHER**  
La Mesa staff show their love and support for their custodian Adela in her fight against cancer.

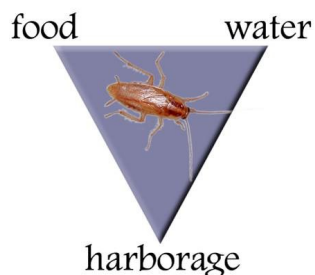




The holiday season is upon us and with that comes parties that shower us with goodies galore! This time of year it is important to keep in mind that our little pest friends also like all the treats that we enjoy. In this issue, we'll review helpful tips to keep your classrooms and schools pest free for the holiday break.

### Steps to a Pest-Free Classroom

1. Make sure to remove all goodies (cookies, candy, etc.) from your desk and storage areas. If you want to keep some snacks, be sure to keep them in plastic containers or bins with tightly fitting lids.
2. After your holiday parties remember to have the floors swept and the counters wiped down thoroughly. Even the tiniest of crumbs can bring pests into your classroom.
3. Have students clean out their desks and lockers before they leave for the break, removing all consumable goods.
4. Be sure to take out ALL classroom trash and be sure that all trash cans are clean of any food residues.
5. Before you leave for the holiday break, it is a great time to de-clutter and organize your classrooms and schools.



Pests need three things to survive: **Food, Water, and Harborage**. Clutter provides harborage for pests such as cockroaches and mice. By eliminating the clutter in your school, you eliminate one of the three things pests need...greatly reducing your pest problems. Also, when clutter is reduced, there is increased access to floor space, which allows for thorough cleaning by custodial staff. The pest control operator is also better able to fully monitor your school, which helps keep each room pest-free.

***If the whole school works together and follows these steps to organize and de-clutter, the pest problems will diminish.***

With decreased activity in the classrooms around the holidays, pests will tend to come into cluttered areas and set up a home. You don't want to have a "Macaulay Culkin" moment from Home Alone when you come into your classroom after the break.

***Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!***

For further information about Plainview ISD's IPM program, please contact:

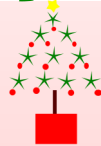
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## 2016 Apps for the Holidays

BY Stephen Hackett



### Utilities

These apps can be key in making sure that gifts and meals go off without a hitch.

- **AnyList** is the best way to create a grocery list on your iPhone. The app's built-in barcode scanning, search tools, and notes make finding items quick and easy. You can even share a list with a loved one so your mom can tell you *exactly* which cranberry sauce to pick up.
- **Deliveries** is simply critical this time of year. It's the easiest way to keep track of packages as they ship from online retailers. With support for every shipping company under the sun, Deliveries will keep you updated via push notifications on iOS and the Mac.
- **Paprika** is an excellent way to manage recipes. It is available for the iPhone, iPad, and Mac. Data between the different versions is synced wirelessly, so you can add Aunt Betty's recipe for stuffing on your MacBook and view it on your iPad in the kitchen later.

### Making Memories

The holidays often mean seeing friends and family who may live out of town. Capturing those moments together lets the warmth of the holidays be accessible year round. Here are three apps that make that easy:

- **Day One** is our favorite way to journal on Mac, iPad, and iPhone. It's a flexible and powerful system that allows you to save text entries and embellish them with photos, activity data, location and weather information, and more. With the holidays and then the new year around the corner, there's no better time to start logging memories away with this great app. Get it for the Mac and your iOS devices now.
- There are countless photo editing apps for the iPhone, but **Darkroom** is our favorite. It comes packed with a ton of great-looking filters, but also has powerful tools like a curves editor, hue adjustment tool, and more.
- **PhotoScan for Google Photos** is a new app that is designed to help make digitizing old photos easier than ever. Instead of lugging a scanner home with you, PhotoScan lets you snap a photo of a physical print in just seconds. It detects edges, removes glare and uploads them right to your Google Photos library.

### Distractions

If we're perfectly honest, sometimes we just want to sit by ourselves for a bit after a long day of family time. Here are a few of our favorite ways to burn some time:

- **Alto's Adventure** is one of our very favorite games. You take to the mountains as a skier who has to improve their skills to travel farther and faster. The game's amazing soundtrack and beautiful scenes are relaxing and mesmerizing.
- **Audible** features the world's largest collection of audio books. Find something to get lost in or to make those long travel days more bearable.
- **Instapaper** is the best way to save things to read for later. You can add links to stories, videos, and more from Twitter, Facebook, and other sources, and Instapaper will have them all ready for you when you get a chance to sit down with your iPad or iPhone to read.

Happy Holidays! Alissa Carter 