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PIONEER CENTER 35th ANNIVERSARY

35 Years and still going strong! Below is small portion of the history of Pioneer Center. Over the past 35 years, thousands of people have utilized Pioneer Center. Including the noon time meal, playing games, listening to speakers and programs like crafts, quilting, book club and exercise, and socials, to name a few. Also, we have been the venue for family/class reunions, weddings, proms, birthday parties, wedding showers, and many different fundraisers. The Annual Stew Dinner Fundraiser is held in November for Pioneer Center activities.

Join us as we celebrate PIONEER CENTER with a banquet on Tuesday, April 29th. 35 years from the Grand Opening of Pioneer Center. Tickets for this event are on sale now for \$15.00. You can purchase tickets from Melissa Gabbert at Pioneer Center, or from a Pioneer Center Committee Member. Tickets are limited, so get yours now, you will not want to miss this event.

A Little History

1988, Senior Citizens Committee was established. Original committee members were Everett Gartrell (Chairman), Carl Dunn, Jerry Allen, Drew Denney, Roy Dick, Twila Hastings, Edgar Thomas, and Vicky Gilliland. First committee ex-officio members were Darla Davenport and Peggie Subia. The committee held meetings concerning the planning and building of the center until the Pioneer Center Committee was established on July 1, 1990, with original members serving with the exception of Everett Gartrell. Linda Sullivan and Woodie Sylvester were added as ex-officio members. The current committee members are Darla Davenport (Chairman), Martha Sauer, Jo Klingman, Brian Adler, Judy Hartsell, Thelma Dye, VaLeta Morris, and Skip Klingman. Linda Sullivan was named Director in January, 1990. The Pioneer Center had its Grand Opening on Sunday, April 29, 1990, with 1,200 people attending. At the opening, the center was ***"Dedicated to the Pioneers of the Past, Present and Future,"*** by Mayor Gary D. Rader. Pioneer Center had its first day of operation on Monday, April 30, which was move in day for the Nutrition Site from the Rotary Hut. Tuesday, May 1, 1990, the first meal was served for senior citizens. There are 35 years worth of history in these walls and we encourage you to come be a part of our history.

WELL WISHERS CARD CLUB

Tuesday, April 1st, 10:00 a.m.

Come join the Well Wishers in the Pioneer Center Library. They send out birthday cards and holiday cards to those that are shut in and on our home bound meal delivery list. It is such a great way to reach out and give encouraging words. We also take donations of any holiday cards, birthday cards, thinking of you, and get well cards. Just drop them off in the office.

Lesa's OSU Extension Program

Tuesday, April 1st 9:00 a.m.

**"Who Get's
Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?"**

Creative ways to pass on non-titled property and meaningful objects to those who will appreciate them.

Join us in the craft room as Lesa touches on this sensitive topic that we should all be thinking about.



Volunteers/Homebound Delivered Meals

A Huge THANK YOU to the following VOLUNTEERS for helping deliver homebound meals during the month of March. Because of you caring enough to take time out of your busy day, approximately 945 homebound Senior Citizens received fresh hot noon meals in the community of Weatherford.

Julie Barnes, Mary Ralston, Candace Lindamood & son Wilder, Bud & Ayn Lamke, Vergil & Sonya Roper, Glenda Tannehill, L, Jean Dixon, Christi Sue Brown, Robin Snyder, Brian & Kristen Poisson, Neal & Luann Vasser, Debbie Brown, Debbie Zorhorsky, Staff with Diversified Energy. Coach Boone and the SWOSU Football Team. From St. Eugene Catholic Church—Sue Bradnhorst, Margreat & Janet Hoffman, Dana Hoffman, David & Carla Harden. Thank you also to the VOLUNTEERS from Life Fellowship Church who will be delivering homebound meals during the month of April!

Rhonda Nelson

DINNER AND A SHOW WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

The Pioneer Center bus will depart at 5:30 p.m. For dinner at Habachi Buffet in Weatherford. We will travel to Southwest Playhouse in Clinton to see "Clue". Reservations are required for this trip. Bus seating is limited. Sign up in the office or call 580-772-1191 on or after Tuesday, April 1st. Dinner is on your own, and SWPH generously allows our group to see their show for FREE! If you plan to drive to the playhouse or meet us for dinner, please sign up.

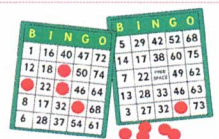


APRIL B-I-N-G-O

Thursday, April 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 25th, 2:00 p.m.



Join us at the Pioneer Center for Bingo. No need to bring anything. We provide all the prizes, and everyone is welcome to join in. We play for one hour and have several games played with 2 blackout games. We do play some different and unusual games to keep the hour interesting and fun. Guaranteed to make you think. Guaranteed to make you laugh. Invite a friend or two and come play bingo with us. Just to note, Thursday's 10:00 a.m. BINGO is in the Craft Room and 2:00 Friday BINGO is in the Dining Area. We hope to see you here for all the fun!



APRIL GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAYS 10:30 a.m.

- 1st— Faye Henson Weatherford Environmental Group
- 8th—Weatherford Police Department
& Weatherford Fire Department
- 15th—Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown
- 22nd— Kathy Megli Golden Age President



CRAFT CLASS w/Jackie

Thursday, April 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the craft room for an adorable Easter craft. Jackie does a wonderful job coming up with craft ideas and teaching us how to make the project. Please sign up in the office or call in to sign up at 580-772-1191 on April 1st.

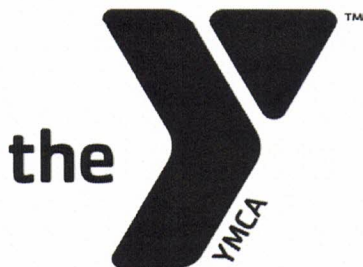
This will insure that we have enough craft supplies for everyone!



YMCA

WORKOUT

Our very popular YMCA Workout is going strong and April is the two year mark for this great program. The Pioneer Center is very fortunate to have such a wonderful exercise class offered to our participants for FREE. It has proven to be very beneficial to those that participate regularly. We usually have a full room every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Suzanne Dunai leads the class and is so loved by so many. On occasion she is not able to lead the class, but we will always have a class. If you have considered starting a workout program, this is a great one. It really is easy and fun with great benefits. They workout every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:45 a.m. in the Stage Room. Many thanks to Suzanne and the Weatherford YMCA for this wonderful program. Come join the fun!



SUNDAY

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Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Checks

Wednesday, April 16th, 10:30 a.m.

Angel Care Home Health comes every month to the Pioneer Center to provide these much needed services for our seniors. We appreciate the time and service provided by Angel Care

Home Health. We look forward to these monthly visits here at the Pioneer Center and hope that you take advantage of these checks. There is no charge for the checks, just a huge thank you to Angel Care Home Health.



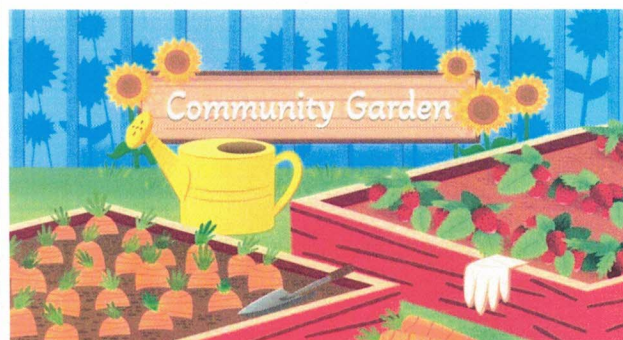
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you enjoy gardening? Did you know we have a Community Garden at the Pioneer Center.

If you want to help with the Community Garden, give Debbie Brown a call at 580-819-0756.

Please save your coffee grounds, egg shells, and banana peels for use in the Community Garden.

Help weeding and watering are always needed in the garden.



WRITING GROUP

April 4th & 18th—10:00 a.m.

Come join this group of writers in the craft room. They meet the first and third Friday of each month. There is always laughter coming from the craft room when the writers meet here at the Pioneer Center. Everyone is welcome, no matter your writing level. If you have a love of writing, we encourage you to come and join the fun.

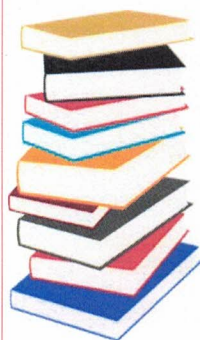


SPRING IS HERE!!!

The Pioneer Center bus will load up and head to Horse Creek Nursery on Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:15 and on Thursday, April 3rd at 1:15 we will visit Janie's Garden Center. You will be able to look around and shop. There will be plenty of room on the bus if you want to pick up a few goodies. There will be some steps and walking on uneven ground, wear appropriate shoes.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB



Thursday, April 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the Pioneer Center Library with Jason Dibler, Library Director, for our monthly book club. We will be reviewing "The Roughest Draft", by Emily Wibberley. You can always go to the Weatherford Public Library to pick up a copy and join us.

LINE DANCE FOR EXERCISE

If you attended the social last month you were entertained by the wonderful ladies and gentlemen from this class. Jan and June are here at Pioneer Center every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. to lead this class. It is fun, it is good for your brain, and it is good exercise. Please come and check out this class and have fun while getting a workout!



A young man finds his worldview dramatically changed after he crosses paths with a business owner who offers him mentorship.

HABASKETRY CLASS

Friday, April 11th, 9:00 a.m.

Pauline Asbury will be here at the Pioneer Center on Thursday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m. for her monthly Habasketry Class. To reserve your spot for this class and for more information concerning cost or details, call Pauline Asbury at 405-833-8243. She has many different sizes and beautiful basket projects to choose from. Just give her a call.



Friday, April 18th, 12:30 p.m.

"You Gotta Believe"

PG - 1 hours, 44 mins. - Inspiring/Emotional

When a family man and Little League coach receives devastating news, his ragtag team rallies around him all the way to baseball glory.

Join us for popcorn and a movie in the library!

