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PIONEER CENTER Phone: (580)772-1191

SWPH presents THE PLAY THAT GOES

Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30 p.m.

This 1920's whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show. An unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award-winning comedy is a global phenomenon that's guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter! Southwest Playhouse always does a wonderful job with all of their performances. They draw in so many talented actors and actresses from this local area and we are so lucky to be invited to see their performance. The bus will leave at 5:30 p.m. from the Pioneer Center and go to Casa Soto Mexican Restaurant for dinner and then we are off to see the show in Clinton. The bus ride is \$3.00 and Dinner is on your own. Thanks to SWPH the show is FREE. You will need to make reservations by calling the Pioneer Center office at 580-772-1191. If you plan to drive and want to join us for dinner, please call and let us know so that we can make reservations at Casa Soto. We call this our dinner and a show evening. We always have a great time!

PLEASE NOTE

Nutrition/Emma Jones 580-772-1193 (Lunch Reservation/Home Bound Meal Info.) NUTRITION INDIAN TACO FUNDRAISER Saturday April 20 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2024 Fundraiser is fast approaching! On April 20th it will be my first Fundraiser since taking this job. I'm excited to be a part of this event and to get the chance to introduce myself to the community.

Weatherford Nutrition will be keeping the past traditions! We will have authentic Indian Tacos, dessert, and beverage on the menu for only \$10. You will also get the chance to purchase items from the bake sale, Weatherford Nutrition merchandise, and silent auction.

Weatherford Nutrition is growing at a fast pace. There is a huge demand in Weatherford to provide a meal for our local seniors. This Fundraiser will help us provide much needed meals for our homebound seniors and for the seniors that eat inhouse at the Pioneer Center.

The site board members are working on getting donated items for this fundraiser. If you (or your business) would like to donate your time or items for the silent auction, just come by 1000 Gartrell Place or call me, Emma Jones (Site Manager) at

580-772-1193. Any help would be appreciated! To purchase tickets just call, come by, or buy tickets at the door. So come out and lets make this a successful and fun event!!!



Pioneer Center Main/Front Office 580-772-1191 (Information/Activity Signup/Pioneer Center Rentals)

Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Checks

Wednesday, April 17th, 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.



Volunteers/ Homebound Delivered Meals

A huge thanks goes out to all that volunteer to deliver our homebound meals to our

seniors. Our numbers of participants has grown and without all of our wonderful volunteers, we would not be able to get these meals out to our seniors in this community. We use to have 2 routes, but now have 5 routes. So it takes at least 10 volunteers daily to get all the meals out in a timely manner.



SPRING CRAFT Thursday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Meet with Melissa in the Pioneer Craft room to do a fun Spring craft. We will be making paint pour vases. These are easy and fun. Great to display all your spring flowers. All the supplies will be provided by the Pioneer Center. You do need to sign up as we have limited spaces for this project.

APRIL B-I-N-G-O Thursday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the Pioneer Center Craft Room for some games of Bingo. No need to bring anything. All the games are free, and everyone is welcome to join in. We play for one hour and have several games played with at least 2 to 3 blackouts. We do play some different and unusual games to keep the hour interesting and fun. Guaranteed to make you think. Invite a friend or two and come play bingo with us.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKERS TUESDAYS 10:30 a.m.

2nd— Dee Henderson & Bonnie Kliewer, The Cottage
9th—Weatherford Police Chief Angelo Orefice
& Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin
16th—Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown
23rd—Marley Vasser, Horse Creek Nursery
30th— Kim Silman, Weatherford Chamber Director



WELL WISHERS CARD CLUB Monday, April 1st, 10:00 a.m.

Come join the Well Wishers in the Pioneer Center Craft Room. 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 front office.



Our very popular YMCA Workout is going strong and April is the one 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. Morgan leads the class and is so loved by so many. On occasion she is not able to lead the class, but we still always have a class that is lead by another YMCA employee or by our very own Melissa Gabbert. 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 10:00 a.m. in the Stage Room. Many thanks to Morgan and the Weatherford YMCA for this wonderful program. Come join the fun!





Lesa's OSU Extension Program

Wednesday, April 3rd 10:00 a.m.—Craft Room

This months program is "Alpha Gal Syndrome" What???? Exactly! A newly discovered tick-borne illness that everyone needs to become familiar with symptoms. Get the facts of this strange new syndrome with an even stranger name.

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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.

Weeding and watering are always needed help in the garden.

WRITING CLASS

April 5th & 19th-10:00 a.m.

Come join this fun class with Carol Henderson leading the way. 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.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

<u>Thursday, April 25th, 10:00 a.m.</u>

Meet in the Pioneer Center Library with Jason Dibler, Library Director, for our monthly book club. We will be reviewing "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. You can always go to the Weatherford



HEART HEALTH WORKSHOP

Starts Wednesday, April 10th

Learn more about your heart health through these mini workshops held on the second and fourth Monday and Wednesday following the YMCA Workout in the Stage Room. Lead by Heidi Macha with SWOSU Rural Health.

HABASKETRY CLASS Thursday, 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.





This is my final newsletter here at the Pioneer Center. My last day will be on Friday, April 5th. It is now time to enter my next phase in life, retirement! I will be moving to Poteau, OK and spending some great time with my Mom. I will truly miss those that I worked with, especially Melissa Gabbert. She was invaluable to me and all that we were able to do here at the Pioneer Center with just two of

us. She was always up for what ever I planned. No matter what it was! I also loved

working with the many volunteers and donors of the Pioneer Center. They all have been so generous to provide their time and

funds to allow us to provide the many activities that we were able to do here at the Pioneer Center. It has been a true honor and joy to serve the seniors here at the PC, this community, and the City of Weatherford. I will be taking my creative hat off for now. I loved decorating the center, creating new activities and trips, and working with all the wonderful people that came to the Pioneer Center. I have always said that Weatherford was lucky to have such a wonderful facility that could provide so many events. I know I

have enjoyed taking care of it and being a small part of it. Many thanks to all those that have helped me during my time here. I will miss it, but look forward to my future. I say Aloha, because I will be visiting Hawaii in the near future. I will complete visiting my 50th state and capitol when I go!

Cheryl