

Texas Pythian Home

News Nugget

*Providing a safe, stable environment for the children of Texas
is our first priority. Serving Texas families in need since 1909*

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Greetings From **The Administrator**

Mission Statement: The Texas Pythian Home, Inc. provides a safe, stable environment for children to grow physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually to become responsible, independent adults.

Our numbers are picking up we currently have 12 children. I know that all of you reading this know a family that is in need of some type of help, weather it is large or small. The Home accepts children age 3-17. We are not equipped to manage children with severe behavioral problems or who have been in a psychiatric hospital. Placement in The Texas Pythian Home is voluntary and a parent or grandparent does NOT lose any of their parental rights when choosing this option for their children. Children attend Weatherford ISD schools, are provided the necessary medical and academic attention as well as the love and nurturing they need. They are involved in extracurricular activities of their choice.

Child Protective Service views placement as a positive step for a parent to make and does NOT view placement as abandonment. The Home does NOT take court ordered placements and accepts no governmental funding. We rely on donations from the community.

Placement applications can be downloaded from our website at www.pythianhome.org, please pass one to a family in need. You can contact me at lwatson@pythianhome.org or Holly Boyer Assistant Administrator/Director of Child-care at hboyer@pythianhome.org

We have enjoyed the summer and are now entering into a new school year. The staff and children have



enjoyed many activities this summer. The children have participated in Kids Unite summer camp. The staff and children enjoyed a day at Hawaiian Falls waterpark and a day at Six Flags over Texas. Our ‘Gold Star’ program was a success this year and the children started school with new clothes, shoes and backpacks thanks to the generosity of many. The children were able to shop for their school supplies at Office Max again this year. I would like to give a big shout out to all those who helped in our back to school programs! We could not do it without each of you. THANK YOU!!

I know that times are hard for everyone in this difficult economy. Our money does not go as far as it used to. We are always in need of all types of donations especially the monetary ones. For those of you who give on a regular basis, I thank you and encourage you to continue. For those who have not given, I encourage you to consider making a commitment to give on a regular basis. Remember your support will help us carry out our mission for years to come.

Lisa Watson
Texas Pythian Home Administrator

Greetings From **The Grand Chancellor**

Another Grand Lodge has passed and now is the time to look forward to a great year.

Our number one priority is still membership. We need to get new members in our Lodges. We must tell others about the work we do. By telling others about our rich history and what we do in the community our membership should grow.

We need to continue to support the "Castle that Love Built". We should support not only financially but by also spreading word of the good works that are done at the Home.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and giving me the opportunity to serve as Grand Chancellor. I am looking forward to my visits to the Lodges. I am always available if you need anything.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 5th!

Jimmy Fears
Grand Chancellor



Greetings From **The Grand Chief**

Hello everyone.

Since Grand Temple I have been very busy. I have visited 4 Temples since the end of June. My first visit was to Nacogdoches #113 at the end of June. They had a nice luncheon and meeting there. Everyone was so kind and fun. They gave me a beautiful ceramic bird.

That meeting was on Saturday and the following Monday I visited Longview #26. We had a nice meal and meeting and they also gave me a ceramic bird. I now have a pair of orange and yellow birds. It was great to start my official visits with two great meetings. I left Longview and traveled to Ft. Worth to meet with Eleanor #36 and Oak Cliff #22. We combined these two meetings and had a great meeting considering the fact that my bus was delayed and I was late. Pricilla did a great job decorating and the others did a great job on the meal. I appreciated that Linda Bridges, Addie Sadberry and Gaylan Judah came from Lone Star #13 and I was able to go home with them. Linda and I went to Cleveland for Imperial. We had a good time there. In August I visited Mineral Wells #14 and Columbian #4. We also combined Temples together and had visitors from Eleanor #36, Oak Cliff #22, Lone Star #13 and Crimson & Clover #92. We had supper at the Mesquite Pit in Mineral Wells and the meal was great.

All the Temples seem to be doing good and I thank you for all you have done for me. I really appreciate the money you have given me for my project and all the lovely gifts. You are all wonderful sisters and I love you all. I have one sad announcement to make. Crimson and Clover may be closing their Temple. I am asking for prayers for them. Homecoming is right around the corner on Sat. Oct 5, 2013. Darla Balogh is working hard and if she needs

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Calling All Ex-Students!

Please help update the ex-student roster!

Send home addresses and e-mail addresses to:

Wanda McLin Riley

5025 Heartcrest

Garland, TX 75044

wandariley1@verizon.net

Virginia Cox Kelley

1209 Windy Meadow Dr

Burleson, TX 76028

rkvkkelley@aol.com

We can now accept these credit cards by phone at 817-594-4465 ask for Darla.



ALOHA

I am the Homecoming Chairman for the annual Homecoming at the Texas Pythian Home. The date is Saturday, October 5, 2013 and this year's theme is Hawaiian. There will be an ugliest Hawaiian shirt contest, hula hoop contest and a limbo contest. There will also be a silent auction to raise funds for the Grand Chief's project at the Home.

Registration begins at 10:00am followed by the program at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at noon and will consist of pulled pork sandwiches, chips, beans, pickles, onions, and cookies for \$7.50 per person.

This is a great time to visit the Home and see all the improvements that are made during the year. The children love to give tours after lunch.

I am asking for donations to help pay for the children and staff meals. All money left over will be given to the Home. Please RSVP by September 23, 2013. Donations and meal payments may be sent to me at the address below.

In P, L, E & F,

Darla Balogh, PSR

Homecoming Chairperson

817 Terry Trail

Weatherford, TX 76086

817-304-0014 or dbalogh@pythianhome.org

PRIZES FOR UGLIEST HAWAIIAN SHIRT



BEST HULA HOOP BEST LIMBO



Darla Balogh receives her 15 year pin

Pythian Home Administrator, Lisa Watson, presented Darla with her 15 year pin in June.

Darla is the Business Manager and handles all financial matters for the Home as well as producing publications for the Home such as the *News Nugget*.



Grand Chief

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any help she will be contacting you. Remember our children as they start a new school year, especially our children at the Pythian Home. They are important to us.

Hope to see you at Homecoming.
In P, L, E & F.

Gyla Austin
Grand Chief

Dear Sisters and Knights,
I was overwhelmed with the honor bestowed on me at Grand Temple. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary these past 20 years. The scrapbook is like taking a walk down memory lane. I had just remarked to my dinner companions that the award I cherished the most was Outstanding Pythian Sister of Texas, and then I am given this honor. Wow! Texans are great. I am truly honored to be your secretary.

My thanks also to the ones who made it possible for the banquet at Supreme when I went out as Supreme Secretary. Special thanks to Virginia Kelley who put up with me for 10 years and also Hazel West who insisted that I needed to be honored with a banquet. Everyone who participated in any way, I am grateful and humbled. It will always be a cherished memory. I can truthfully say that Texans work together and love each other.

In P, L, E & F.

Linda Bridges
Grand Secretary

Help make a child's birthday special by sending them a card!

James	January 9, 2006
Curtis	February 14, 2005
Whitney	March 6, 2001
Travis	May 22, 1996
Johnathan	May 28, 2000
Amber	June 18, 2002



Mariah	June 30, 2007
Grace	September 27, 2000
Makayla	November 9, 2004
Alexander	November 26 2007
Tyler	December 14, 2001
Sierra	December 15, 2004

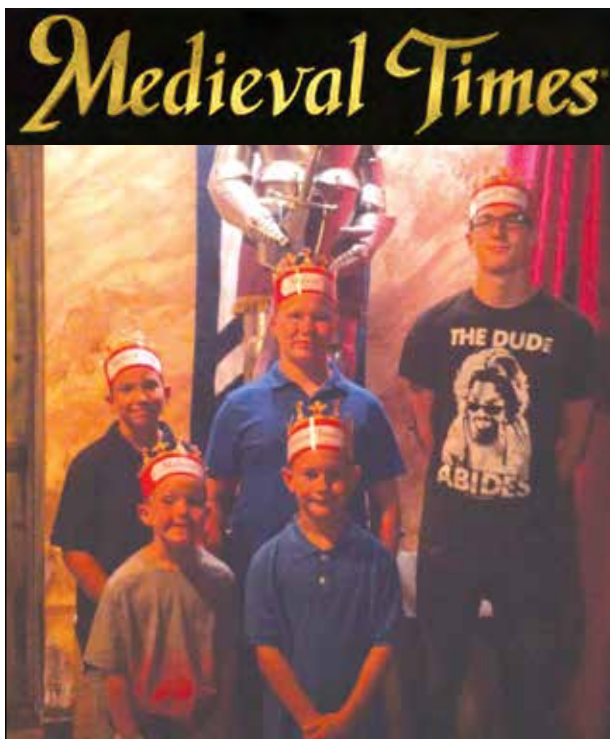


New Entry Gates



Easter







Top Photo:

Nextlink Broadband graciously donated the money to fund our summer trip to Six Flags over Texas. The children had a great time.

Middle Photo:

Once again Ron Hammer Productions brought the New Plainsmen Quartet to town for an outstanding concert held on August 17, 2013. The children and staff always enjoy this event. We appreciate Ron for all his hard work and dedication to the Home.

Bottom Photo:



The Ikard Elementary administration, teachers and support staff were treated to lunch on August 21st. This is a yearly event that allows our children to meet their new teacher for the year and allows the teachers to visit the Home and get a better understanding of what we do.





“Gold Star Kids”



Gifts and Memorials

January - March 2013

* Denotes Multiple Donations

GIFTS

Aledo United Methodist
Church TLC Class*
Anonymous*
Edward Bailey
Michael Baldwin*
Bank of America
Madelon Bradshaw
Rachel Brandon*
Ronnie Brannon
Debbie Brown
Brian Bristow
Jean Bryan
Judd Carothers
Destination Imagination
The Discovery Fund
Gold Rush of America
Joe L. Hopper*
Terry & Cathy Hughes
Ice Bowl
Karen Malloy
Knights of Columbus Holy
Spirit Council 7264
Maverick All-Stars
Melissa McCoy
Jessie Miller
Karl Muelsher, Jr.
Heather Nichols*
Noon Lions Club
NRO Charitable Giving*
Rotary Club of Weatherford
Shiloh Creek Consulting, LLC
Deene Sullivan*
Texas Nomad Society
Brent & Ann Thaxton
Vicki Truelove
Weatherford Optimist Club
Justin & Melissa Wilks*
Leonard Willbanks
James Young
Marc & Susan Zepeda

KASH FOR KIDS

Lester St. Andrie*
Glenn Carr
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Clayton*
Bobby Jennings

Gayle Johnson*
Louis H. Kennedy*
George W. Lockhart*
New Faith Baptist Church*
Dr. Paul Phillips*
Addie Sadberry*
Lee Smith*
Judy Watson*
Lisa Watson*

K4K TEMPLES & LODGES

Columbian Temple #4*
D.O.K.K. El Ekan #269*
Knights of Pythias #212
Knights of Pythias Lone Star
#4*
La Nana Lodge #106*
Nacogdoches Temple #113*
Pythian Lodge #26

IN HONOR OF

Mr. & Mrs. Greg L. Edwards
James Duncan, Jr.
Ron & Ann McNutt
Tamera Dugan
Jalie & Debbie Reedy
Jack Reedy

MEMORIALS

Wayne Douglas Akers
John Westhoff
Cleo Byas
Theola Duncan
Sammie Carter
Cecil & Carolyn Holifield
Calvin C. Frank
Dovie Wright & Family
Walt Fullerton
Eleanor Temple #36
Douglas Reid Grogan
John & Sue Ann Westhoff

Lawrence M. Hammond
Doug & Tanya Baldwin
Mina Bickerstaff
Mary Briggs
Roland & Janet Bush
Celeste Calogero
Perry Clark
Kent & Carol Hendrix
Mike & Delores Hess
Paula Lerew
Lacey McConnell
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Pulliam
Douglas Sills
Lucille Stevens
Gay Troutman

Dora Hott
Butch Hott

Granville Hott
Butch & Cindy Hott

Gayle Johnson, PSR
Eleanor Temple #36
Greenville Board of Directors
Cecil & Carolyn Holifield

Violet Manly
Eleanor Temple #36

Eloise Merrick
Borden & Westhoff, LLP

Mamie Ann Merrill
Eleanor Temple # 36
Joseph Tarride, Jr.
Hazel West

Jerry Newberry
Borden & Westhoff, LLP

Jack & Dorothy Parfait
Mary Johnson

Thomas Wayne Park, Jr.
Boy Scout Troop 75
Wm. Picou
Don & Mary Whitsitt

Davis Payne
Ray & Menita Birmingham

Barry Sanders
First Financial Bank

Lee Roy Smith
Brantley & Harley Cornelsen
Eleanor Temple #36
Fort Worth Lodge #101
Genevieve Hernandez
Glennys & O.J. Marriott
Sherry Robison
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Schenck
Gayle Settle
Bobby & Barbara Tallant

Leo Tiberghien III
Roy & Jeanne Grogan

Harlon 'Bo' Wright
Carol Rhodes

ROLL CALL

Columbian Temple #4
Eleanor Temple #36

CHRISTMAS

Maj Roy & E.M. Giliotti
Barbara Hendry
Caryl & Nick Petrera

Christmas/ Thanksgiving

Mineral Wells Temple #14

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Grand Temple Pythian Sisters
of Texas

Gifts and Memorials

April - June 2013

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GIFTS

Mark J. Albarez
Aledo United Methodist
Church TLC Class
Anonymous
Carol Austin
Angie Bergmann School of
Dance
Bullards
Cindy Choate
Randy S. Craig
Joe L. Hopper*
Grand Lodge K of P of TX (L.
Keith Stooksberry, Jr. SVC)
Kiwanis Club of Weatherford
Jimmy & Teresa Munoz
Nextlink Broadband
NRO Charitable Giving*
Pythian Lodge #26*
Red Hot Red Hats
Tim & Amy Scott
Silver Creek Financial Group
LLC
Chris Smith (Enbridge)
Deene Sullivan
Joseph Terrell
Vickie Truelove*
Gary L. White
Justin & Melissa Wilks

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Knights of Pythias Lone Star
#4*
LaNana Lodge #106*
Pythian Lodge #26

MEMORIALS

Shain Abbott
Cecil & Carolyn Holifield
Joyce McCulley Baker
Past Grand Chiefs' Association
Wendy White Bellenger
Borden & Westhoff
Dan Bowden
Marvin & Gail Lasater
W.G. "Bill" Coody
Borden & Westhoff
Della Cox
Betty B. Talbot
Oak Cliff Temple #22
Edwin Crum
Wilmer & Jonnie Crum
Don Duffield
John & Sue Ann Westhoff
Gayle Johnson
Past Grand Chiefs' Association
Jerry Kidwell
Wilmer & Jonnie Crum
Sherry Diane Morris-James
Carol Rhodes

Lorene McKinzie

First Financial Bank

Mamie Ann Merrill

Past Grand Chiefs' Association

Davis Payne

Elisa Davis Faye

Wyman Roscoe Pearson

Borden & Westhoff

Frances Scott

First Financial Bank

ROLL CALL

Oak Cliff Temple # 22

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Grand Temple Pythian Sisters
of Texas

www.pythianhome.org

new and improved website

- calendar of events
- more photos of the children
- admission criteria and online intake application
- online sponsorship and volunteer applications
- online employment information and application
- online donation capability thru PayPal



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Save the Date!

October

October 5 10am
Homecoming

October 19 10am
Board Meeting

October 19 2pm
Grand Council

October 29 6:30pm
Oak Cliff Roll Call

November

November 7 6:30pm
Ft. Worth Roll Call

November 12 6:30pm
Mineral Wells Roll Call

November 21 6:00pm
Longview Roll Call

November 23 Noon
Nacogdoches Roll Call

November 26 6:30pm
Weatherford Roll Call

November 28
Thanksgiving

December

December 19 6:00pm
Home Christmas Party

December 25
Christmas Day

January

January 1
New Year's Day

January 18 10am
Board Meeting

January 18 2pm
Grand Council Meeting

February

February 14
Valentine's Day

March

March 3-7
Pythian Home Week

March 10-14
Spring Break

March 22
*District School of
 Instruction Ft. Worth*

*Texas Pythian Home
 Wish List*

- Vacuum cleaners with attachments
- Laundry soap- for HE machines
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Pledge furniture polish
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Pine-Sol cleaner scented
- Leather gloves (appropriate for yard work)
- Bottled Water
- Snack Foods
- 8 Twin size bed in a bag for boy's dorm
- Outside Water faucet spigots
- Sherwin Williams paint: Sand Dollar-satin-5 gallon
- Trim paint: white enamel-gloss
- 2 x 4 Lay In Lights T8 3 bulb fixtures
- Banquet tables: round and long-seating for 120
- Folding chairs: seating for 120
- Money for dorm furniture project
- Money for Mini-split A/C heating units for 3 guest rooms
- 25,000 BTU, 240 volt window air conditioners
- Volleyball net for pool
- Gift cards: Walmart, Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Home Depot, Lowe's, City Lights Movie Theater, Movie Tavern, Maverick All-Star, Braum's, Yogurt Story, any restaurant or fast food establishment in Weatherford