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# Runningwater Draw RSVP Newsletter

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### REPRESENTATIVE

Susan Blackerby

It was her first day as an RSVP volunteer, choosing the “Meals on Wheels” program as her chance to give back to her community. After checking her paperwork and confirming the address on the Meals on Wheels route, with the logo on the window, she knew what she had been thinking; the resident was a veteran.

She exits her vehicle and with the sealed meal in her hand she slowly walks up the sidewalk with a heaviness in her heart. A gentleman comes out of the side of the home and meets her halfway, she states, “Hi, I’m Jodi Tone and I’m with Meals on Wheels and I have your lunch.” He smiles back at her and introduces himself as Albert Hill. She hands him his meal and without hesitation mentions what had caught her eye as she first pulled up in front of the residence. She respectfully asks Mr. Hill, “I noticed that your flag that you have proudly hanging in front of your house and it looks faded, weather beaten and slightly torn. Would you mind if I bring you a new one to take its place?” Mr. Hill looked at Mrs. Tone and stated, “that flag is worn, torn, and weather beaten just like me, but I still love her. I love her, I love my country, and I am very proud to have had the opportunity to protect and defend her and my country. And yes, ma’am I would be very pleased if you could replace her with a newer one for me.” The promise had been made.

A week later on the Wednesday morning when Mrs. Tone was preparing her weekly MOW delivery run, Mr. Hill was anxiously waiting on her arrival. He had already taken down the tattered flag that he loved so much and was ready to replace it with the newer version. True to her promise, Mrs. Tone arrived with Mr. Hill’s meal, and presented him with not only a new version of our beloved flag, which was enough to make him smile ear to ear. She also presented him with a beautiful cross with the word VETERAN and picture of the flag and bible within the cross. Mr. Hill was beyond overjoyed and held both the flag and cross close to his heart. Deeply touched, beaming with joy, and overwhelmed over the act of her kindness, clutching the flag and cross tight in his arms, he expressed his gratitude with many hugs. In his moment of happiness he stated, “I am so pleased I am going to go show all of my friends and neighbors.” A friendship was formed, a heart was touched, a simple gesture that meant everything to a veteran.

Thank you, Mrs. Tone for your love and compassion. We are proud to welcome you as one of our new volunteers. May your act of kindness inspire others to make someone “Smile” today and to become an RSVP volunteer.

Story by  
Janie Shaver

RSVP Volunteer Jodi Tone gifts an American Flag and Cross to Mr. Hill on her Meals On Wheels route.



Lead. Inspire.  
Change the world.  
Again.  
**Get Involved!**



For Operation Serve Day in June, the Runningwater Draw RSVP partnered with the Hale County 4H members to clean up the Hike and Bike Trail, that runs 1.63 miles from Date to Quincy Street and is ADA accessible. A total of 160 pounds of trash and debris was collected. The group partners several times a year to keep the trail clean so those who walk or ride bikes can enjoy a clean trail.

*Pictured from left to right:*

*Alice Lockeby, Tara Walker, Steve Polizzi, Janie Shaver, Irma Shackelford, & Jodi Tone*



RSVP volunteers, Gerald and Ethel Chambers appeared in a Jimmy Dean Plant Based Sausage commercial. The commercial was filmed on December 7, 2020, the commercial will air when the product comes on the market. Mr. Chambers worked for Jimmy Dean for 14 years starting when the plant opened. Mr. Chambers knew Jimmy Dean personally, and said "He (Jimmy Dean) was the nicest guy you ever met. If the plant were still open, I would still work there." To watch the commercial go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO9t-odko8w>



BOOK  
SALE

The Unger Memorial Library is having a .25 cent book sale on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd. On Monday, October 4th, there will be "fill a bag for a \$1." Some of the items offered besides books, will be large print books, records, puzzles, CD's, DVD's and more. For more information call 806-296-1148, or drop by the library at 825 Austin.



*Volunteers, friends, and family attended RSVP Director, Irma Shackelford's retirement party on June 30th at the Hale County Senior Citizen's Center.*



## *Irma's Retirement Party*



RSVP volunteer Jodi Tone presented Plainview Health Care resident Joan Stone with a handwritten card of encouragement. There were 44 cards distributed on July 16, 2021, every resident received a card.





- 1 Mike Williams
- 2 Robert Boyd
- 4 Patricia Ann (Pat) Danford
- 4 Rhonda Guthrie
- 6 Gary Hummel
- 7 Renea Dizmang
- 10 Gayle Heckard
- 11 Alicia Gonzalez
- 11 Delfina Perez
- 13 Sherrie Wall
- 16 Cipriana Garcia
- 16 Mary Ann James
- 17 Elizabeth Richardson
- 18 Melody Rockwell
- 20 Tom Johnson
- 20 Mike Myers
- 20 Pam Roberson
- 22 Bo Bartley
- 22 H. Jane Ebeling
- 24 Ronnie Dennis
- 25 Douglas McDonough
- 26 Tara Walker
- 26 Johnny Wood
- 27 Sue Daniels
- 27 Sharon Wright
- 29 Lloyd Louthan



- 1 Janice Faver
- 2 Glenda Ford
- 5 Phyllis Coleman
- 6 Larry Falcon
- 6 Phyllis Coleman
- 7 Barbara Glodt
- 9 Ronny Hughes
- 11 Jeanne Bartley
- 12 Eugene Carter
- 12 Charline Hendrix
- 12 Maria Steadham
- 13 Diane Book
- 13 Wanda Davey
- 16 Barbara Colbert
- 16 Dick Shaver
- 17 Laveta Morren
- 17 Norvene Owen
- 21 Minnie Carpenter
- 21 Ann Perry
- 21 Joe Ruffatto
- 22 Tommie Quebe
- 24 Deborah Mahieu
- 25 Debby Spain
- 25 Rodney Watson
- 27 Mary Vasquez
- 28 Dovie Gilleland
- 29 Bob Bowden
- 29 Christina Falcon
- 29 Jimmy Murillo
- 29 Stella Wickersheim
- 30 Janis Miller
- 30 Nellie Williams



Meals on Wheels is in need of delivery drivers. There is at least 1 route open every day, and substitute drivers are always needed.

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Do you love to sing? The Millennium Singers are welcoming new singers. Practice is at the Plainview Senior Citizens from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday. The singers perform at 3:00 p.m. every Thursday at a different area nursing home.







In remembering our First Responders on September 11th, four volunteers prepared and delivered 218 tokens of appreciation in Floyd, Hale and Lamb counties. Each responder received a clear box with a Post-It note pad, a pencil, and candy. The boxes were decorated with an American flag sticker on one side, and a note saying ,“Thank You For Your Service,” from your friends at Runningwater Draw RSVP and AmeriCorps Seniors, on the other side. Thank you for your service and all that you do throughout our community!



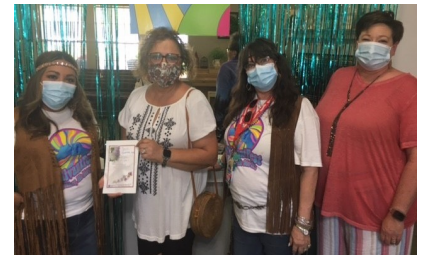


## *RSVP Volunteers Prepare Hand Written Cards of Encouragement*



Twelve RSVP volunteers prepared 149 messages and spent a total of 19.30 hours on this special project for residents at 4 nursing homes. The administrators and/or activities chairman of each establishment welcomed volunteers into the Prairie House, Bee Hive, Santa Fe Place, and Westridge Manor with open arms. Though we were not able to visit with each of the residents, the handwritten cards brought special messages to let them know they are being thought of each day.

If you would like to be included in the next round of handwritten notes, call the RSVP office at 806-291-1223.



Please help us in welcoming our  
new RSVP volunteers.

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| Barbara Colbert  | Jeannie Morris   |
| Christina Falcon | Angie Murillo    |
| Larry Falcon     | Jimmy Murillo    |
| Denise Hasha     | Jack Needham     |
| Kathy Jahay      | Ann Perry        |
| Linda Lucas      | Margie Sue       |
| Laveta Morren    | Anita Whitfill   |
|                  | Anthony Whitfill |



### **Hike & Bike Trail Clean-up**

RSVP volunteers and Hale County 4-H members will partner to pick up debris and trash from the Hike and Bike Trail, Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. RSVP volunteers will meet at the Date Street entrance working west while 4-H members will start at Quincy Street entrance working east. This worthy project is open to anyone interested in volunteering to help Keep Plainview Beautiful. Rides will be provided to Date Street entrance for those who do not wish to walk back.

Contact RSVP at 291-1223 if you or your group are willing to help.

### **Medicare Educational Seminar**

Do you have questions, new to Medicare or need answers about different plans? A seminar will take place on October 21st, at 5:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Unger Memorial Library. Christina Spruill and associates with Golden Age Financial will be presenting. So, mark your calendar and call 806-221-2070 to reserve your spot. You will be glad to be more informed.



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RSVP Volunteer and U.S. Army veteran, Gerald Chambers, delivered 27 tokens of appreciation to veterans in the nursing homes, assisted living and senior apartments in Plainview. Veterans in Littlefield, Lockney and Olton were also included in this special project. Mr. Chambers presents U.S.M.C. veteran, Jesse Martinez, with a token of appreciation for his service. The tokens were distributed by Mr. Chambers to veterans at Bee Hive, Christian Manor, Plainview Healthcare, Prairie House, Santa Fe Place, and Westridge Manor for Independence Day, 2021.

We would like to thank both men for their service.

*The tokens were handmade by RSVP volunteer Donna Black.*



Have you recently changed your address, dropped the land line, added a mobile phone or an email? The RSVP office is asking for your assistance in keeping your information updated. This helps us to collect hours and inform you of new projects of interest. This is also a good time to review or make changes to where you want to serve throughout our communities. Call the RSVP office at 806-291-1223 to add or renew information on your profile.

Thank you, RSVP Staff