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Runningwater Draw RSVP *Newsletter*

Serving Floyd, Hale, and Lamb Counties since 1973



Happy New Year!

Wow, Runningwater Draw RSVP is celebrating 50 years of service to our communities this year. What a wonderful legacy this program is leaving for future generations. I can't tell you how many hours have been volunteered during this time, but I can assure you it's several million.

RSVP was started in 1973 by Dr. Mary Bubliss and Judge C.L. Abernathy. Originally, RSVP was under the umbrella of Central Plains Center. Now, we are sponsored by the City of Plainview. We are very grateful for the support of these two wonderful organizations for promoting the premier senior volunteer program.

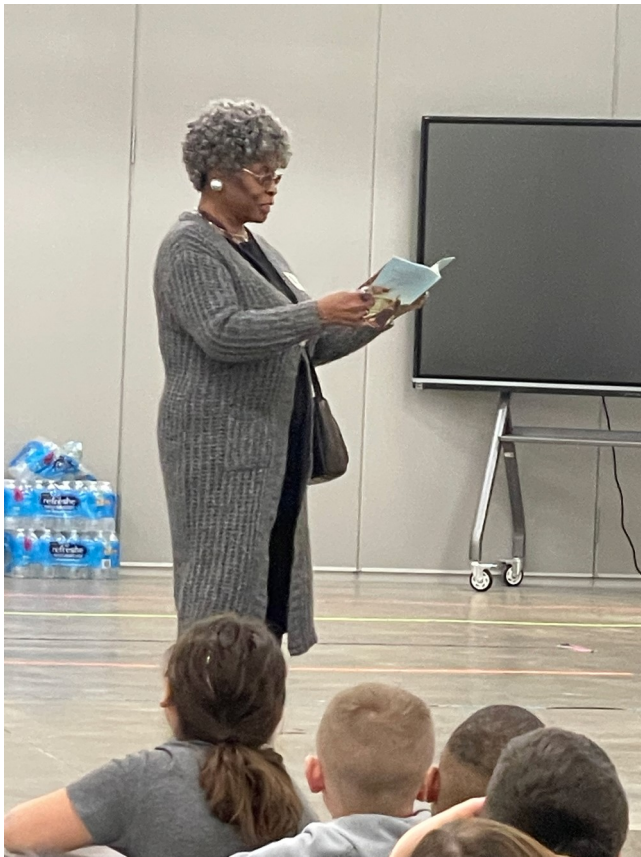
RSVP has gone through many name changes over the years, but the goal remains the same. We engage people 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical community needs. We hope to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of volunteers and those we touch volunteering.

Today, AmeriCorps Seniors is the largest volunteer agency for 55+ in the United States. Volunteering shows improved health, improved social activity, you learn new skills, and you help your community.

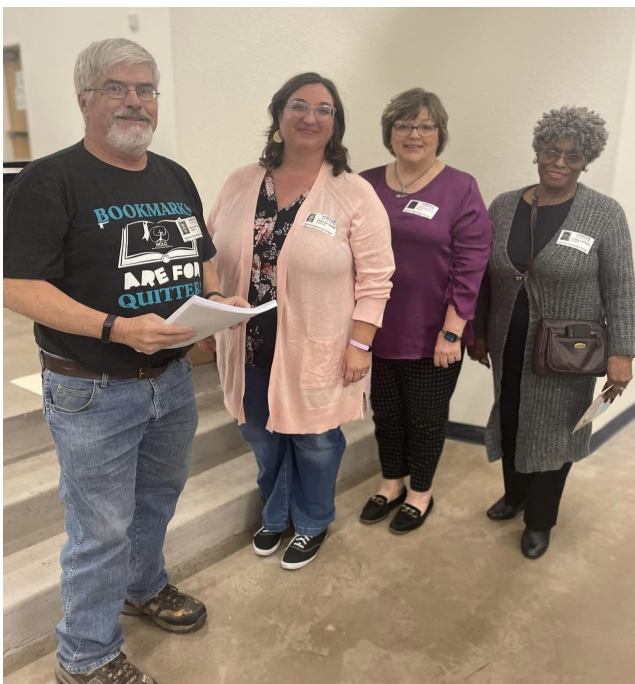
RSVP Brings out the Best of America!



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Above: Emma Herring Reading, My First Biography
Below: Richard Porter, HCLC, Rebekah Crowe, WBU, Charlotte Schumacher and Emma Herring.



AMERICORPS MLK DAY OF SERVICE

RSVP partnered with Hale County Literacy Council and Wayland Baptist University to present a program on Dr. Martin Luther King at Central Elementary School in Plainview.

Ninety-four second graders listened to Dr. Rebekah Crowe, of WBU, tell the history of MLK. Emma Herring read a book on the life of MLK from My First Biography series.

Each child received a copy of the book donated by the Literacy Council. Students were given color sheets that had a picture of Dr. King.



Above: 2nd Graders at Central Elementary

Below: Students coloring picture of MLK





3	Frazier, Nita	23	Russell, Cindy
4	Alexander, Peggy	23	Thompson, Betty
5	Bizzell, Elizabeth	25	Bennett, Bobbie
5	Eaves, Sally	25	Heckard, Harry
8	Herring, Emma	25	Smith, Rebecca
10	Smith, Joyce	26	Ingram, Andrea
12	Mayberry, Barbara	27	Brooks, Jimmy
13	Wilks, Jane	28	Torres, Olivia
15	Swart, Wanda	29	Cheyne, Tom
16	Cloninger, Kay	30	Barbian, Tony
19	Fox, Mike	31	Cheyne, Sherri
22	Gill, Suzanne	31	Stroope, Jo Ann



December Birthdays at McDonalds

**Irene Moreno,
Melanie Strand,
Jo Carol Walker,
Dorothy Morton, and
Charlotte Schumacher**



Rick & Ruth Robillard

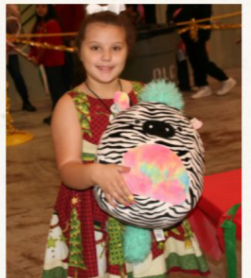
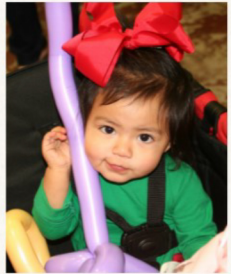
**For making our
birthday breakfast at
McDonald's possible.**

RSVP loves you!



1	Odom, Robbie	16	Miller, Alice
3	Lopez, Ofelia	19	Cox, Nancy B.
4	Thurman, Charlotte	19	Faulkenberry, Wayland
5	Pena, Blanca	20	Eldred, Henriette
5	Provence, Freda	20	Steadham, Roy
6	Adamson, Elise	21	Shadix, Darrell
9	Rey, Agustin	24	Byers, Danny
9	Robertson, Anna	25	Hart, Dortha
11	Bain, Mackie	26	Back, Sheryl
12	Smith, June	26	Wright, Terry
14	Kelley, Penny	27	Villanueva, Hortensia
14	McDonough, Brenda	27	Wright, Lisa
15	Johnson, Dixie	28	Artega, Ed
16	Haygood, Mary Lou		

Breakfast With Santa 2022



Following in the tradition for many years, hundreds of children and adults attended the 2022 Breakfast with Santa at the Ollie Liner Center. Thank you to the RSVP volunteers, Hale County 4-H Members, WBU Cheerleaders, Plainview Girl Scouts, and Plainview High School Student Council. This event is only made possible by the giving hearts of volunteers who show up and help in various ways to make this a memorable moment for the children in our community.

Photos courtesy of Teresa Young.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Thank you Millennial Singers for your
wonderful entertainment

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST



Joe Ruffato loads groceries in the back of a car for a client at FISH (Faith in Sharing House.)



Karen Miller sets up packages for the clients of Fish.



Evelyn Ball works with Carissa Rossi organizing client information for FISH.



286 Volunteers Contributed 39,754 volunteer hours in Floyd, Hale, and Lamb Counties

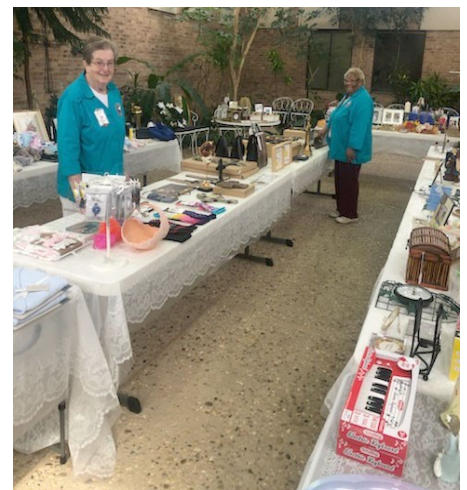


Judge Bill Coleman played his guitar and sang Christmas carols for the residents at Prairie House Living Center.

"Cheerful givers do not count the cost of they give. Their hearts are set on pleasing and cheering the person to whom the gift was given."

Every time you volunteer, you share your gift with someone who needs to be touched.

Gayle Heckard and Barbara Colbert getting ready for the Lamb Healthcare Center Auxiliary bazaar.



What skills do you have that you could share with nursing home residents?

Do you like to sing?
Do you like to play games?
Do you like to fix hair?
Do you like to do nails?
Do you like to read?

You can do all these things at a local nursing home in your community.

Plainview Healthcare Center
Prairie House Living Center
Bee Hive
Runningwater Draw Care Center
Sante Fe House
Westridge Manor

Lunch Bunch
February 22 @ 11:45 AM



Mia's Restaurant
Program—Staying
Mentally Healthy

Did you know that if you volunteer in your community, help a friend, or volunteer at your church, these hours can be added to your monthly RSVP hours. Give us a call and let us know how many hours you spend a month helping your friends or community.

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