

ShelfLife

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Farewell to Anne and Don!



SEEING SPOTS – Anne Hsieh poses with Spoticus, aka Kim Edwards.

Anne Hsieh and Don Updegrove will be missed. Anne and Don were given a goodbye luncheon Jan. 7 at the Downtown Library.

Anne said she wants to travel, and that her first trip will be to New York to attend her father's 104th birthday party.

She and her husband also plan on returning to Taiwan, where she was born.

Don, seen here in the gaucho outfit he purchased while on a trip over Christmas to Southern Brazil and Uruguay, has lots to do during his retirement—he's not retiring from working, just from library work.

Don plans on continuing fishing, traveling to Kansas to see his son, working in the garden, taking care of his beehive and woodworking.

C'est la vie!



STEELY DON – Don Updegrove in his gaucho outfit.



Views & Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

Derek Cash

At the Commissioners' meeting (1/15), many members commented with strong approval on the annual statistics. There were many remarks about reserves.

Donna Morris stated that the administrators were aware of the tremendous increase in work and time that the increase in reserves had brought in the last two years, and that library managers were going to meet to share ideas to solve the burgeoning problem.

A commissioner stated that she felt guilty not picking up a reserve immediately and wondered how much strain it placed on the System; to which another commissioner humorously stated that it was a strain if she was the next person waiting for the book.

If we look at the same question from the staff's point of view, we have a different problem. In some libraries the reserves have used up the shelf space, and excess material is placed on book trucks, in crates and in boxes.

This chronic rearrangement of material is a significant reason that processing reserves is taking longer.

Obviously, one remedy is to build more shelves, but the floor/wall space in some libraries may not lend itself to such a solution. Another option is to limit the number of reserves that customers may place. I am sure it will be a relief to everyone when the problem is solved.

The following people were OSA nominees.

Bob Hurst (MTC)—Bob models responsibility, is respectful and open-minded. He serves as a catalyst to others.

Traci Jinkens (PLA)—Traci makes sure the job is done and that you are updated and pleased with the results. She will help you any way she can.

Jean Johnson (ED)—Jean works tirelessly to make everyone feel a part of the team, and she always makes a special effort to recognize volunteers and employees for their hard work.

Tonda Kelly (ED)—Tonda has a very pleasant and friendly attitude toward coworkers and customers alike. She is very dependable and honest.

Daphene Keys (RE)—Daphene's attitude is respectful, positive and cooperative. She walks the extra mile with a smile.

Choctaw Library's Grand Opening Week Activities



Tuesday, Feb. 10 Spoticus Day @ the Library. Spoticus, the new library mascot, will meet and greet visitors.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 Grand Opening and Reception. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ceremony and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. a come-and-go reception. Light refreshments.

Thursday, Feb. 12 Cornerstone Dedication, 1p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The local Masonic Lodge will dedicate a cornerstone in the new library.

Saturday, Feb. 13 Children's Grand Opening. Spoticus, the library mascot, will be back to welcome children to a day of special fun just for them in the new library!



Bethany Library

Janet Bowen, Bethany page, is somewhat of a celebrity.

Her son, Spc. Nathan Bowen, who serves with the U.S. Army in Iraq, guarded the \$750,000 found with Saddam Hussein Dec. 13.

"Nathan was not in on the raid but guarded the money that was found with him," said Janet.

Nathan's job while in Iraq is to make sure everyone gets paid; he also drives his Colonel around in a Humvee.

Janet said, "We're very proud of him." Janet has not been able to talk with Nathan on the phone but e-mailed him to ask if he was okay and if he was in on the raid. He replied, "I'm ok, I wasn't in the raids and I have to go."

Janet said Nathan and his unit and other units are living in one of Saddam's palaces in Tikrit.

"He's taking plenty of pictures," said Janet.



GUARD WORK -- Nathan Bowen, son of Bethany Library page Janet Bowen, guards the \$750,000 found with Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13. (Photo Courtesy Associated Press, Bethany Tribune.)

Janet's last e-mail she received from her son said his unit was packing up and cleaning up.

"Nathan is supposed to come home in April," said Janet. "And his four years are up in August."

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People

Welcome To

Alyssa Griffin	Page, WA
Vickie Stover	Proj. Spc., OUT
Erica Rutland	Page, WA

Good Bye

Christie Reichel	Page, WA
Dianne Cox	Proj. Spec., OUT
Susan Gee	Proj. Spec., OUT
Kemi Clark	Page, ED
Samantha DeArman	Page, ED

Promotion

Joyce Mc-Johnson	From Library Aide to Mail Tech, DN
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Job Change

Emily R. Williams	From Assoc. Librarian to Librarian, VI
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FEBRUARY Birthdays

FRANK C. RAY	2/01
JOANNE SCHNEIDER	2/03
MARY J. PATTON	2/04
HECTOR L. MATA	2/06
CARA PETERS	2/08
LAURA ANN WYLIE	2/09
KAREN L. LITTERAL	2/09
ANN L. MEEKS	2/09
VIRGIL K. KOSKIE	2/11
LINDA K. BIRCHETT	2/13
ROBERT A. HURST	2/15
PEGGY M. LONG	2/18
ERIC G. KING	2/18
CAROL S. HUNTER	2/18
KATHLEEN LAUGERMAN	2/20
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	2/20
DANIEL E. FIELDS	2/20
KEMI L. CLARK	2/22
GENE E. CHAPPELL	2/22
LARRY G. JOHNSON	2/24
ALLISON FIELDS MCBETH	2/26
ERNESTINE F. CLARK	2/28

For Sale

Seven drawer Roll-Top Desk. Too big for current space. Make Offer. Call Betty Wyrick , Bus. Ofc. at 231-8608 or home at 722-4157.

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

JUDITH A. WALDEN	2/1/77
RIC REA	2/16/82
DENESA C. YOST	2/28/86
WANDA D. SCOTT	2/7/90
LINDA J. JAMESON	2/26/90
SARAH J. KELLUM	2/14/94
JASON E. EVANS	2/1/96
SUSAN M. MONROE	2/12/96
DARLENE S. BROWERS	2/12/96
DEBORAH A. KELLEY	2/1/97
LORI KANE	2/16/98
ROY S. BALLOU	2/8/99
GEORGE M. MARSHALL	2/15/99
NATHAN K. LEONARD	2/15/99
SHAHIN S. ASGHARI	2/16/99
SUSAN K. BECKETT	2/7/00
AMELIA E. YOUNG	2/9/00
KATHERINE Y. WILLIAMS	2/21/00
TERI L. REDENBAUGH	2/16/01
KATHRYN M. DUNN	2/19/01
CAROL S. HUNTER	2/19/01
JANA L. EATMON	2/18/02
CHERYLL R. SMITH	2/3/03
ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ	2/12/03

For Sale

4-Poster Wood Queen Size bed for sale. Headboard, footboard and rails. Asking \$450. Good Condition. Cash only. Pick up & delivery is buyer's responsibility. Call Denise Courts @ 231-8639.