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VOLUNTEERS



Joyce Montgomery

Joyce came to LAH in 2002 and brought with her many talents. She has become the Energizer Bunny on Wednesdays. She keeps all of working and makes sure everything gets done correctly.

Her amazing energy is evident in her personal life as well. She's very active in her church and the Senior Center. She livens up the Senior Center and gets people to make monthly birthday cakes to celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries. In this age of electronic messaging, you can count on Joyce to send a card or note to let friends know they were missed at some gathering.

Joyce loves music and dancing and her friends. If your lucky enough to be Joyce's friend, you have a friend for life.



PREPARED?



David and Pat Stiles with the LAH Hope Family getting ready for the birthday party!

THE BELLE JIM'S 100th BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 3rd, 1910 - 2010

One hundred years ago this August, widow Mamie Patten hired contractor William P. Cook to build a hotel on the corner of Austin and Lamar. She named it The Belle Jim Hotel after her two daughters, Belle and "Miss Jim." A small room next to the front desk was used as a Western Union office and served Jasper until "Miss Jim's" death in 1974.

Mrs. Patten raised her family in the hotel and after her death "Miss Jim" took over. The girls seemed to be total opposites - Belle was an accomplished musician and enjoyed parties, Miss Jim was more athletic, often found on the golf course or on the lake, hunting or fishing.

According to the hotel register, the Belle Jim was home to legions of traveling salesmen in the first half of the 20th century. Though no longer standing today, there was a small one room house behind the hotel known as the Sample House. The house was used to display many of the samples the salesmen left on the shelves so customers could browse and find anything they wanted to order when the salesmen returned. David Stiles says the rail station was many blocks away and he hasn't yet discovered how the salesmen got their heavy sample cases to the hotel. I'm betting on a horse and wagon. Could Jasper have had a taxi service in the 30's?

The Stiles bought the Belle Jim in 1992, and along with their children, Mary Lee and David Anthony have secured a place in the history of Jasper and the Belle Jim. Pat and David have invited the community to join with them in celebrating the 100th Birthday of the Belle Jim Hotel on Tuesday, August 3rd. While no lunch will be served that day, there will be good things to eat served during the reception starting at 10:00 am and running most of the day.

In 1998, the Belle Jim became a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and an unveiling ceremony of the marker will also be held on the 3rd. Mayor Mike Lout and County Judge Mark Allen will be present at the ceremony along with Mrs. Bertie Bryant from the Jasper County Historical Commission.

T shirts, coffee mugs and small commemorative cookbooks containing Pat's special Belle Jim recipes will be available. Everyone loves a birthday party - see you there.



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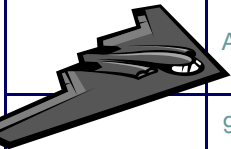






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Congratulations - Belle Jim

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NATIONAL WIN WITH CIVILITY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 US AIR FORCE DAY 	2 RIBBON CUTTINGS Miss Priss Boutique - 1pm AARONS - 2pm	3 100th Anniversary Belle Jim Hotel Reception 10:00 am to Noon	4 LAH Staff Meeting 8:30 am 	5	6	7 PURPLE HEART DAY 
	9	10 EMBASSY CLUB MEETING BELLE JIM 12 NOON	11	12 	13 TODAY IS THE ONLY FRIDAY 13th IN 2010	14
15	16	17 "Caring Friends" Luncheon Belle Jim Hotel 11:00 am	18 LAH Volunteer Training 8:30am	19 "Business Builders Breakfast" Jordan Health 7:30	20 National Hug Your Boss Day 	
22	23	NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY 	25	26	27 Global Forgiveness Day 	28
29	30	31	Birthdays - Dee Watson - 5th Charlie Pousson - 28th Elbert Peddy - 29th Sharron Hafford - 30th Bonnie Whitney - 31st			

July 12, 2010

Death

Helen Rippier Wheeler, who writes the "Senior Power" column in *The Berkeley Daily Planet*, took on end-of-life issues last week. Among the topics she covered were women as long-term caregivers, elder abuse and neglect, and the stories of several senior citizens and their difficulties with long-term care and caregivers.

Wheeler is the author of several books on women's issues. (*The Berkeley Daily Planet*, 7/5, www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/issue/2010-07-06/article/35752)

****T&NMHO UPDATE**** (Texas New Mexico Hospice Organization

"Americans are Treated & Overtreated to

"Americans are Treated, and Overtreated, to Death," by AP medical writer Marilyn Marchione, says Americans are "spending more time in hospitals in their final days, trying last-ditch treatments that often buy only weeks of time, and racking up bills that have made medical care a leading cause of bankruptcies." Marchione says that more than 80% of US deaths occur after long, progressive illnesses, and more than 80% of those people didn't want hospitalization and intensive care. The American "way" is to never give up, but, the article says, instead we should help people accept death as an inevitable part of life. In response to the article, NHPCO issued a press release saying that the "attention on medical overtreatment raises awareness of advance care planning, hospice and palliative care." news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100628/ap_on_he_meus_med_overtreated_final_days/NHPCO_6/29, www.nhpco.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageid=4649) (*Yahoo! News*, 6/28)

GREEK TRAGEDY

At Harvard Medical School, actors are performing scenes from ancient Greek plays as "a way to help doctors better navigate new moral quandaries around death and dying." The End of Life program uses the "tragedies to spark discussion among medical students and professionals about the ethics of treating patients facing painful, prolonged deaths." The author says, "Several professors, doctors, and students who have taken part in End of Life agree that the 90 minutes of raw, honest theater and emotional discussion add a dimension of reality to medical ethics education that textbooks cannot." (*Boston Globe*, 7/7, www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2010/07/07/screams_from_greek_stage_aim_for_doctors_hearts/)



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The Cowboy Church of Call



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"CARING FRIENDS" LUNCHEON

Tuesday, AUGUST 17

The Belle Jim Hotel

11:00 am to 12 noon

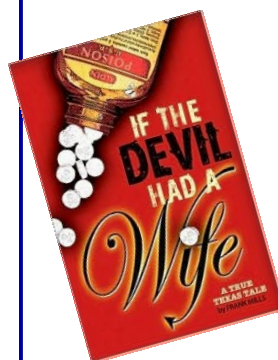
SHERRY CRAVEN

To review local book -

"If the Devil Had a Wife"

By Frank Mills

*Courtesy of the Belle Jim
& Stringer Griffin*



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