



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Marty Humphrey*

The rain has stopped, at least for now, and we are slowly recovering from almost an entire month of rain. Work has started on the windows in the office and museum, seems the old windows in this building have been leaking for a while and that has caused some damage, for us most notably is that the floor is sagging in the office under those windows. Hey, the building is over 100 years old, it is holding up a lot better than some of its younger tenants and other recently built buildings! We also now have a good idea where that little mouse was getting in.

We are getting ready for our June 13th caravan to Oklahoma and the Cultural Center in Sulphur. If you want to go, please be sure to let Skip and Teresa know, especially if you are needing a ride. The trip isn't that far off and we would like to make arrangements with the Cultural Center to expect us (and how many are coming) and with the restaurant for our afternoon meal before heading back. Skip has a schedule and information sheet ready for everyone planning to go, and it lists alternate restaurants if you would rather hit one of those instead of the Artesian Hotel's restaurant, so let us know and we will get that to you.

The Stockyards Design Task Force work is continuing and I thank our members who attended the general meeting(s) and are attending the Task Force meetings. They learned that the responsibility of the Task Force members is to develop the design standards and guidelines for development in the Stockyards area. Although the Task Force is not responsible for historic overlays or designations, I strongly support moving toward strict historic designations for the area...we have to protect our history of over 100 years and not allow it to be lost, you cannot undo leveling buildings, pens, and a way of life. Many of our structures have stood for years and sometimes we find that certain features of the architecture, inside or out, may not function well in our current world, we must learn to be creative and work around those challenges rather than destroying the character of an earlier time. - **Marty**



**"Texas is still a last frontier. It is part of the United States where the traditional values are still operating. In short, a piece of living history."**

*— John C. B. Richmond —*



Membership Newsletter June 2015

The NFWHS is excited to announce the guest speaker on June ~~9th~~ <sup>11th</sup> at 7pm,



## J'Nell Pate

Ms. Pate will discuss her book, **Arsenal of Defense, Fort Worth's Military Legacy.**

She is retired from Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, where she taught history and government.

She is the author of nine other books, including **Livestock Legacy: The Fort Worth Stockyards, 1887– 1987** and

**North of the River: A Brief History of North Fort Worth .**



## The NFWHS Members are going on a ROAD TRIP!

**The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma on June 13, 2015.**

Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

Adults: \$6 — Seniors and military: \$5

The caravan will leave the NE corner of Cabela's parking lot at 8:30am & return around 8pm.

There will be stops at Turner Falls Overlook on the way up and at the rest areas near the Red River coming back.

**DEADLINE FOR RSVP IS MONDAY, JUNE 8th by 5pm.**

**Call 817-625-5082, and speak to Teresa to put your name on the list or for more information.**

## Glimpses of the Past...

With all the rain and flooding Texas has been experiencing, it is a reminder of a time before the levee was built on the Trinity River.

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# Fort Worth Helpless in Flood; Raging River Breaks 4 Levees

A headline from the May 18, 1949 Fort Worth Star-Telegram



People in a boat on 7th Street during the flood in 1949.

## NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



**Empty Walls!** Don't be surprised if you visit the museum and are greeted by a couple of empty walls. All of the windows and window frames on the west side of the museum and in the office are being replaced. Once the construction is completed and the walls painted, a few new exhibits will be put up. If you have any Camp Bowie or WWI artifacts or early streetcar or local railroad artifacts from the 1900's, and you would like to donate them to the museum, call Teresa at 817-625-5082 or email at [nfwhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nfwhs@sbcglobal.net)

**It may be too early to think about Christmas** but we wanted to let you know that we have reserved the party room at Los Vaqueros on N. Main for the annual NFWHS Christmas Party. There will be plenty of room and ample parking. Make your plans to attend on December 10, 2015. We always have a good time. More information will be given as we get closer to Christmas.

**The National Day of the American Cowboy** will be celebrated in the Stockyards on July 25. Come celebrate the history and heritage of the American Cowboy. Voted best cowboy tribute event in the nation by American Cowboy Magazine. Lots of family fun!

## Cow Chips... interesting bits of information

### And God Looked Down upon Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise. So, in his wisdom, God decreed that seniors would become forgetful that they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things misplaced and move around more. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was yet another need. So God in his wisdom made seniors lose coordination that they would drop things, which would require them to bend and reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the functioning of senior bladders and decided that in His wisdom there might be calls of nature more frequently, requiring more walking to the relief station, which would burn calories. God looked down and saw that it was good.

Seniors were obliged to exercise more from these senior shortcomings and did become more active as a result. So if you find you are required to get up and down more as you age, remember it's God's will and in your best interest, even though you mutter under your breath.

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

*(author unknown)*