

### THIS WEEK

The February 13, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



*Denise Floyd & Clarence Fortney*

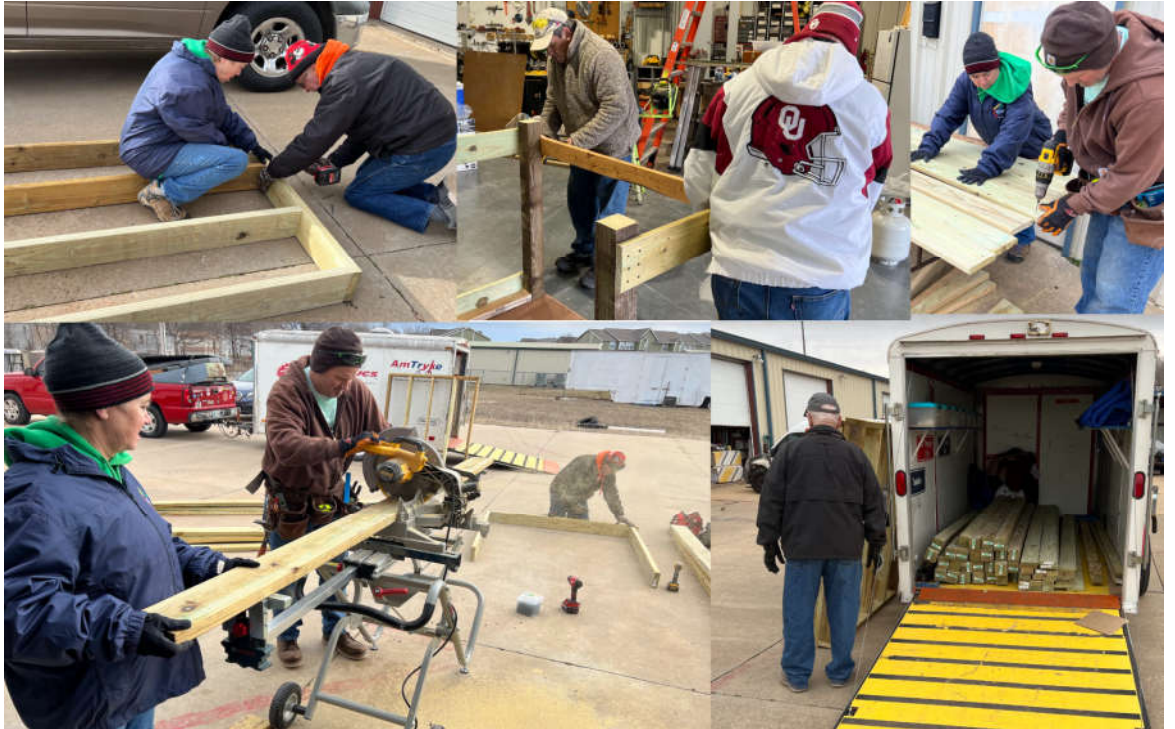
Denise Floyd and Clarence Fortney with the Great Plains Technology Center Foundation were the guest speakers. The group's Cornerstone Campaign is underway through March 17.

Floyd said the foundation was formed more than 40 years ago to help students pay for costs associated with their education at GPTC. In that time, the foundation has provided more than \$4.2 million in scholarships and grants to over 6,700 students. Floyd said the assistance has been the difference maker for some students to complete their career programs. She said if they're struggling financially, it's hard for them to concentrate on their schooling.

Fortney said the foundation supports both the Lawton and Frederick campuses. He said students have been awarded grants for emergencies that include car problems, electric bills or other obstacles that could prevent them from being successful. The GPTC programs have also helped with auto repairs, wiring at homes, and HVAC issues.

The foundation receives support from many organizations including the McMahon Foundation. Employees at GPTC make up the next largest group of supporters, because Fortney said they see the impact the assistance has firsthand. Donations may be made by individuals or businesses. More information can be found at [gptcfoundation.org](http://gptcfoundation.org)

### DISTRICT RAMP PRE-BUILD



*Great Plains AMBUCS held a pre-build Saturday for an upcoming District 5-A ramp installation.*

### CHAPTER NEWS

- All Court Sponsorships for the Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament have been sold! T-shirt, Broadcast Partner & Broadcast Buddy sponsorships still need to be sold.
- A new AmTryke arrived this week from National. Dr. Jimmy said there are also some in storage. He plans to schedule an AmTryke build in the evening within the next couple of weeks.

### AMTRYKE RODEO MEETING



*Kathleen Martin shared additional details about the chapter's AmTryke Rodeo scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry. The ministry plans to provide hot dogs and drinks for attendees. Prior AmTryke recipients will be invited to bring their Trykes for activities, safety checks and repairs.*

### OFFICIAL BIG HAT



*Chapter Big Hat President Zeldon Rice presents Monte Brown with his official Big Hat.*

### NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

- Tickets are still on sale for the National Big Hat Raffle. The winner can choose from a variety of destinations. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. See Zeldon Rice to purchase.
- Register now for Great Plains Region Conference May 4 -6 in Salina, Kansas.

### 50/50

Caitlin Martin drew the Ace of Clubs. The pot stands at \$342.

### NEWSLETTER

Monte Brown had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.