

# AMBUNK

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## GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

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### LAST MEETING

The May 22, 2023 chapter meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Maryann Standridge

Maryann Standridge, Superintendent for the Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center, was the guest speaker. She said the facility she oversees in Lawton was built in 1987. It originally housed up to 15 juveniles as their cases moved through the court system. The center was upgraded to house 25 beds in 1997, a capacity they continue to offer. Standridge said Oklahoma law requires counties to provide a secure detention center for juveniles 12 to 18 years old, as needed. Comanche County's center serves as a regional facility, providing beds for other counties in the area and beyond. They are a pre-court facility, meaning once their cases have been adjudicated through the court system, the offenders will be moved to another center or released.

During their detention, Standridge said the juveniles receive educational services from Lawton Public Schools teachers who come to the facility. They also receive counseling, library and religious services. Standridge said it is a very structured setting from the time the detainees wake up until they are locked down at night. She said the kids like to have routines and become comforted when they realize they are going to be taken care of during their stay.

### 2023-2024 CHAPTER INSTALLATION BANQUET



### CHAPTER NEWS

- Jenny Clement-Shaw's presidency officially came to an end on Thursday, June 1, when Alan Jolly was sworn-in as the 2023-2024 Chapter President. The social committee planned and delivered a wonderful Installation and Awards Banquet, which also welcomed a new slate of officers and recognized member achievements over the past year. Jenny was honored for her successful year of leading "This Club is on Fire" and Alan pledged to work hard to do "Mo Betta!"
  - \* Kent Jester received the award for Project Manager of the Year
  - \* Kathleen Martin was honored as Therapist of the Year
  - \* Monte Brown received the AMBUC of the Year award
- Members are asked to sign up for at least one holiday to volunteer for the chapter's Fly a Flag program. Project Chair Tanna Vu said ideally, we need about 14 people to help with each delivery/pickup day. Contact Tanna or sign up at the next chapter meeting.

### OFFICIAL BIG HAT



Zeldon Rice & Tanna Vu

Tanna Vu was presented with her official Big Hat by Zeldon Rice during the last meeting of his leadership as Big Hat Club President. Tanna recruited her new members during the Spring Roundup competition, which she also won! Congratulations Tanna!

### GUESTS

Ellaina Greene  
Terri Kelman  
Sponsored by Paul Warmuskerken

### 50/50

Barry Ezerski drew the 10 of Spades. The pot stood at \$611.

### NEWSLETTER

Kelly Harris had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.