



### The Big Wheel

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### This Week's Program -- February 4, 2025

#### ***Delta Gateway Museum: Honoring Leslie Hester's Contribution to Arkansas Heritage***

The Delta Gateway Museum provides free, heritage-based, cultural and educational opportunities for regional school children, senior citizens, heritage tourists and tour groups, and the general public. The museum collects, stores, maintains, and regularly exhibits historical and cultural objects, artifacts, photographs, works of art, printed materials, and audio-visual materials that relate to and emphasize the history and cultural development of Blytheville, Mississippi County, Northeast Arkansas and the Arkansas Delta.



The Delta Gateway Museum occupies the historic S. H. Kress Building, located in the Blytheville Commercial Historic District. The Kress Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. Delta Gateway Museum opened to the public in November 2011. The museum facility is overseen by the **Delta Gateway Museum Commission**, an independent agency created by city ordinance in 2007 for the sole purpose of establishing the museum. The Museum Commission is responsible for managing the facility's annual expense budget provided by the City of Blytheville, formulating policy, raising funds and supervising the upkeep of the Kress Building, and hiring professional staff to manage day-to-day operations.

Leslie Hester is the founding director of the museum. Gregory Hansen is the speaker today. Come hear about the museum. Bring a friend or colleague.

### January Service Projects

#### ***Peanut Butter***

Our club donated 138 jars of peanut butter on Tuesday to the A-State Food Pantry. We received \$72.55 in monetary donations to buy more peanut butter.

### Club Leaders



Jennifer Hannah  
Treasurer-Elect  
President



Chad Chadwick  
President-Elect



Alicia Dyer / Benson  
Secretary



Jeremy Todd Watson  
Treasurer

### Events

February 4th

#### **Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 4- Dr. Gregory Hansen, A-State**

**Speaker:** Dr. Gregory Hansen & Leslie Hester, Delta Gateway Museum, Founding Director

**Subject:** Delta Gateway Museum: Honoring Leslie Hester's Contribution to Arkansas Heritage

February 11th

#### **Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 11- Emily McGee, St. Bernards**

**Speaker:** Emily McGee, Vice President of Nursing and Women's & Children's Services

**Subject:** St. Bernards Maternal Life 360 HOME

### Birthdays



Amy Hughes  
February 3rd



Joe Turney  
February 6th



Mickey Latour  
February 11th



Robert L. Warner Jr.  
February 12th



Mark Alan Morrow  
February 12th



Gary Clark  
February 19th



Robert C. Green  
February 21st



Jeremy Todd Watson  
February 24th



## ***Shelter Box***

The club is collecting donations which will go to the victims of wildfires in California.

## **Good News -- January 28, 2025**

**Gregory Hansen** carried the mic for Good News.

**Brenda Fasulo** gave an update on three of her table mates. **Al Poston** is out of the hospital but still sick. **Norman Stafford** is still in the hospital. **Monty May** is still sick but recovering from surgery.

**Michael Payson's** wife spent four days in the hospital, ten days in rehab, and is now home.

**Beverly Parker** commented favorably on the Rotary commercial that she saw on tv.

**Jill Clogston** announced her parents' 69th anniversary. They moved into the Villa after her father spent 31 days in the hospital.

**DG Brian Rega** urged members to get their shots while they still can. He included flu, COVID, rsv, pneumonia, etc.

## **Last Week's Program -- January 28, 2025**

### ***The Junior Auxiliary's Role***

Our program this week was presented by Veronica Trimarchi, Vice President of the Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro.

The Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro's mission is to meet the needs of children, youth, and families in Craighead County. They aim to brighten futures by instilling self-esteem and challenging minds through their programs.

The Jonesboro chapter was founded in 1950 with just three service projects. At their first Charity Ball, they raised \$217.36. Today, the Junior Auxiliary has grown to twelve impactful projects supported by over 90 active and provisional members and more than 300 life and associate members. Projects address health, welfare, civic, and educational needs. The JA collaborates with schools and organizations to identify unmet needs like clothing, school supplies, and medical care. Membership requires commitment, dedication, and a heart for service.



Service projects include Growing Healthy, Crown Club, Molly the Megabody, Lit & More, Kick Start Kindergarten, The Learning Center, Consolidated Youth Services, COP's, Share and Wear, Scholarship, GE Junior High, and GE Senior High.

The Charity Ball is the JA's only fundraising, raising over \$170,000 annually to fund its twelve projects. This year's ball will be held on February 22, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Red Wolf Convention Center. The event will highlight a live auction, a silent auction, and raffle. Every bid and donation directly impacts the lives of children, youth, and families in Craighead County.

The Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro has grown tremendously over the years because of dedicated members and the support of the community.

## Report Card -- January 28, 2025

**Total Member = 115**

Active=76

Active-Modern=3

Active-Partner=3

Active-R85=15

Active-Service=16

Staff Position=2

Active-Service: 5

Active-R85: 5

Active: 25

Guest: 3 [Read More](#)